

Supplementary Appendix:

A high level of inter-genera gene exchange shapes the evolution of haloarchaea in an isolated Antarctic lake

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Fragment recruitment (FR), highly degenerate regions and reference mapping. 454 sequencing was performed on the 0.1 µm fraction from the 5, 13 and 24 m depths, the 0.8 and 3.0 µm fractions from 24 m, and all 3 fractions pooled together for the 36 m depth (Table S1). Illumina sequencing was performed on the 0.8 and 3.0 µm fractions from the 24 m depth. FR was performed individually on each dataset and carried out against all publicly available complete and draft bacterial, archaeal and viral genomes from NCBI, all organelle genomes from EHL and the four DL haloarchaea (tADL, DL31, *Hl* and DL1). The only eucaryal reference examined was a halophilic green alga *Dunaliella salina* CCAP 19/18 (<http://genomesonline.org/cgi-bin/GOLD/bin/GOLDCards.cgi?goldstamp=Gi13840>).

Genomes were analysed independently using FR-Hit and the resulting combined set of read assignments across all genomes was reduced to a non-redundant set by selection of the single longest and highest identity alignment per read, where alignments were filtered by application of a stringency test (read coverage > 90%, identity > 98%). From eight million 454 Titanium reads, the four DL haloarchaea were the four most abundant organisms recruiting 28.3% of all reads and represent 94.4% of all recruited reads. Raw draft *Dunaliella* sp. sequence recruited 131949 reads, however upon inspection it was clear that recruited reads were almost exclusively aligned to low complexity repeat regions within the draft sequence. After masking low complexity sequence (RepeatMasker v3.3.0 using –noint) recruitment to *Dunaliella salina* dropped to 1857 reads, making a distant 5th in abundance (0.08%). In a further wider step, no reads were recruited to 3900 publicly available organelle genomes from EMBL. Recruitment to DL1 primary replicon Contig38 was observed to be concentrated largely (63% of assigned reads) along an 80 kb region (380..460 kb) with mean read-depth of 54.2, outside of this region mean read-depth fell to 2.5 suggesting that the majority of recruiting reads were of other genomic origin. In view of the relative abundance of SSU rRNA gene pyrotag matches to *Dunaliella* 18S and chloroplast 16S rRNA gene sequences, the lack of FR from the metagenomic datasets suggests that DL *Dunaliella* have genomes that are quite different to those chromosome or chloroplast genomes of *Dunaliella* sp. that have been sequenced.

The proportion of mapped reads is very stable for the four dominant organisms, all of which are known to exist within the lake. The tail of weakly recruiting species however, is sensitive to the stringency filter. There is a six-fold increase in the number of weakly recruiting organisms (recruiting < 1%) when lowering the stringency (read coverage > 75%, identity > 80%), while the number of reads recruited increases to 38.2%. In relative proportion, the tail is dominated by haloarchaea assignments (10 of the next 15 organisms) accounting for 82.9% of recruited reads in the tail. The tail included hits to organisms and viruses that are not likely to be present in DL (e.g. insect virus). These read assignments provide little value in determining their biological origin, and hence possible contribution to the ecosystem.

For the 0.1 µm filter size the abundance profile has little variation across depths (5, 13 and 24 m) (Fig. S5). For a constant depth (24 m), the 0.8 µm and 3.0 µm fractions compared to 0.1µm were enriched for DL31, indicating DL31 cells in DL are likely to be relatively large thereby partitioning on the larger size filters. The 36 m sample (pooled

size fractions) had a similar profile to the other depths, although the proportion of tADL was somewhat lower. Overall recruitment changed little by depth or filter size across the lake. As DL is effectively homogeneous in community profile reads were pooled for most read-based analyses. This profile for the lake was also reflected in the SSU pyrotag data (Fig. S2-S5).

FR revealed short regions (1-2 kb) of high degeneracy within the metagenome, where local read-depth greatly exceeded the replicon global median. Genomic coordinates of all such degenerate regions were determined by application of peak detection to replicon read-depth traces (read depth > 3-fold median read-depth) and subsequently reduced to a non-redundant set by clustering with CD-hit at 98% identity. Of the initial 197 individual sequences with mean read-depth of 2850, 15 unique sequence clusters were determined with a total extent of 21,747 bp, representing 4.8% (111,095) of all recruited reads. The distribution of occupancy follows an 80/20 power-law with the largest 3-4 clusters comprising 75-80% of extracted sequences. Annotation by BLASTX against Refseq_protein identified 14 of 15 clusters as insertion sequences (ISs), with the remaining single-sequence cluster identified as a conserved hypothetical found in haloarchaea. DL metagenomic reads were subsequently filtered for these highly degenerate sequences and FR repeated. The resultant recruitment plots (Fig. 1 and Fig. S7) show pronounced holes in recruitment depth, which also coincide with those from gsMapper derived reference mapping (detailed below).

A bipartite association network of degenerate cluster to replicon helps to show that the four largest clusters cl_8 (ISHla1), cl_1 (ISHla6), cl_0 (ISHla7) and cl_6 (ISDL31_7; newly defined in DL) are highly connected across the replicons of all four isolate genomes (out degree: 8, 5, 7, 4 respectively) (Fig. 3). Though no cluster is fully associated with all nine replicons, taken at the genome level, clusters cl_8 and cl_0 are fully associated with all four genomes. Considering the network in reverse perspective, tADL, Hl and DL31 are the most highly connected genomes (weighted in-degree: 58, 44, and 43) while DL1 (weighted in-degree: 14) primarily associates with cl_8 and only weakly with cl_0 and cl_6. Note that for clarity the Fig. S13 has been filtered to exclude weak (low weight) edges (e.g. between DL1 and cl 0 and cl 6).

Ranked by decreasing weighted in-degree, genome order is conserved as cluster nodes are deleted from the network in order of increasing out-degree, changing dramatically only when reduced to a single node (cl_8). This highlights the relative strength of association between tADL and the second largest cluster cl_1; three-fold greater than the other three genomes combined associative weight with cl_1.

By weighted in-degree, the tADL main chromosome (WID: 61, Contig32) possesses 31% of all edges in the network, making it both the most significant primary replicon and most significant replicon overall, followed by secondary replicons from DL31 (WID: 20, Contig115) and Hl (WID: 17, NC_012030). Secondary replicons from DL31 and Hl possess approximately two-fold more edges than their respective main chromosomes. Despite having no such secondary replicon, the most abundant organism tADL manages to accommodate the community majority of ISs.

As 70% of reads were unassigned in FR, a question addressed was whether the very high read-depth of degenerate regions was accounted for simply by the combined contribution of the four isolate genomes. A self-consistency check of observed cluster read-depth was obtained by the linear combination,

$$d_{pred} = \sum_i n_i d_i$$

$$\Delta d = d_{pred} - d_{obs}$$

where n_i is per-replicon cluster copy number, d_i the robust estimate of replicon read-depth, and i iterates over all replicons.

Although there is some discrepancy between observation and prediction for cl_8 and cl_1, the majority of observed read-depth is explained by copy number and replicon superposition. For cl_0 however, roughly 40% of observed read-depth was not explained by replicon superposition and was attributable to a 5th genome (see **Whole metagenome assembly** below).

Reference mapping was performed with GS Reference Mapper v2.6 for each genome against all DL samples. Estimated distributions of read-depth for each replicon show that primary replicons for DL31, *Hl* and tADL (Contig115, NC_012029 and Contig32) are smooth and unimodal with median values of 74-, 36- and 221-fold, while as seen in FR, DL1 only maps reads in significant depth in one 80 kb region. Secondary replicon read-depth distributions appear as a superposition of multiple stochastic processes, where regions of degenerate sequence cause high levels of variability (Fig. 1 and Fig. S7).

SNP and recombination analysis. Ninety million reads comprised of two paired-end Illumina lanes from 24 m depth (0.8 um and 3.0 um) were aligned with Bowtie to the four DL haloarchaea genomes following recent methodology (1). Of the 45.6 million reads (49.5%) which were mapped; 50.9% were assigned to tADL, 29.8% to DL31, 16.3% to *Hl* and 3.0% to DL1. Mean recruited read-depths for primary replicons were tADL 530, DL31 301, *Hl* 112, and DL1 14. In the case of DL1, mean read-depth is a deceiving measure as nearly all reads were recruited to a single short region (380 kb..460 kb) while elsewhere read-depth was close to zero.

SNPs with mapped read-depth above 20-fold and variant frequency above 0.9 were considered fixed mutations within the DL population (Table S6). The proportion of fixed SNPs within intergenic or coding regions was in proportion to the number of coding bases in each case (Fisher exact p-values: tADL 0.153, DL31 0.624, *Hl* 0.732, DL1 n/a). Four way contingency tables of reference to variant base demonstrated a bias towards transitions (A ↔ G, C ↔ T) for all main chromosomes (tADL 71.7%, DL31 81.9%, *Hl* 59.2%, DL1 n/a).

High numbers of signal transduction genes (T) and transcriptional regulation genes (K) were reported in *Leptospirillum* populations in acid mine drainage biofilms (1). For the dominant DL organism tADL, the most highly assigned category is “general function prediction only” (R), followed by “energy production and conversion” (C) (Table S7).

Estimating substitution rate,

$$\theta \approx N_{SNP} / N_{gen} / \ell_{genome}$$

Using *Hl* growth rates and DL annual temperature profile (2,3) a power-law regression can be used to model generation time T_{gen} as a function of lake temperature t_{lake} .

$$T_{gen} \cong At_{lake}^{-2.503}$$

Where A = 43829 and R² = 0.99565.

This model predicts that there are only three months in a year (January, February and December) during which time the lake has discernible haloarchaeal growth. Generation times for these productive months (179, 773 and 999 hours respectively) equates to 5.77 generations per year. This is 100-fold fewer generations annually than in the case of acid mine drainage biofilms¹ where $T_{gen} = 0.0017 \text{ yr}^{-1}$ or 588 generations per year, where the newly emerged bacterial hybrids have demonstrated ecological success.

Because of this slow growth rate in DL, the inferred substitution rate θ of DL haloarchaeal species by this method would be extremely high. Additionally, regions of highly degenerate sequence do not account for the observed fixed number of SNPs.

PIIM v2.02 was used to infer scaled rates of mutation and recombination ($\theta = 2N_e\mu, \rho = 2N_e c$) for each DL isolate replicon. PIIM's pre-generated likelihood lookup table limits read-depth to 50-fold, therefore requiring downsampling of our data. Downsampling by random selection was performed using Picard v1.77 and BAM to ACE format conversion accomplished using Consed v23. Rates were estimated in sliding 50 kb windows and resampling repeated ten times with randomly selected seeds. Confidence intervals (95% CI) for θ, ρ were estimated by bootstrapping in R (N=10,000) using the boot package. Rates estimation in PIIM was performed using the likelihood lookup table for $\theta = 0.1$, since as many as 25% of predictions resulted in $\rho = \infty$ when using the likelihood table for $\theta = 0.01$. DL1 was excluded from this analysis due insufficient coverage.

Confidence intervals for primary replicons were: tADL Contig32 ($\theta = 0.0088, 0.0091$) ($\rho = 0.0307, 0.0340$); DL31 Contig115 ($\theta = 0.0258, 0.0264$) ($\rho = 0.0209, 0.0232$); *Hl* NC_012029 ($\theta = 0.0376, 0.0390$) ($\rho = 0.0386, 0.0426$). Confidence intervals for secondary replicons were: DL31 Contig114 ($\theta = 0.0224, 0.0290$) ($\rho = 0.0214, 0.0286$); *Hl* NC_012028 ($\theta = 0.0219, 0.0257$) ($\rho = 0.0242, 0.341$); *Hl* NC_012030 ($\theta = 0.0238, 0.0267$) ($\rho = 0.0192, 0.0282$). As the length of DL31 Contig113 was less than 50kb, only 10 estimations were determined for each parameter and consequently only means were determined ($\theta = 0.0208 \pm 0.0008$) ($\rho = 0.0434 \pm 0.0043$).

The predicted range of the ratio of rates (ρ/θ) suggests that genetic variability within tADL (3.37, 3.86) occurs at a ~4-fold higher rate by recombination than mutation, whereas for the primary replicons in DL31 (0.79, 0.90) and *Hl* (0.99, 1.13) the suggestion is that the rates are approximately equivalent sources of variability. For longer secondary replicons (Contig114, NC_012028, NC_012030) the ratio of rates is also close to unity (DL31 Contig114: 0.74, 1.28; DL31 Contig113: 2.09; *Hl* NC_012028: 0.94, 1.56; *Hl* NC_012030: 0.72, 1.18). While the genome variation occurring via ISs and long high identity regions (HIR; see **High identity regions** below) provides information about the extent of genome variation in the DL haloarchaea, these ratio values indicate about the relative contribution of recombination and mutation. The low rate of mutation vs recombination in tADL may indicate that the fidelity of point mutation repair is superior in tADL compared to DL31 and *Hl*.

CAI/CBI. Codon adaptation and codon bias indexes (CAI/CBI) for each genome were determined by CodonW, where putative optimal codons sets are determined by a two way Chi-squared contingency test of the two extremes of the principle trend of a correspondence analysis.

As validation, CAI/CBI values of 77 suspected highly expressed proteins in *Hl* (4) were compared against those of the whole main chromosome. Median CAI/CBI for the whole chromosome were 0.620/0.652, while for the 77 highly expressed proteins 0.723/0.781; whole vs highly expressed distributions differed significantly (Mann-Whitney two tailed, $n_1=2723$, $n_2=77$, CAI U=29352, p-value 2.2e-16 and CBI U=19465 p-value=2.2e-16). Though a clear bias towards optimality is evident, this set of highly expressed proteins could not be used for codon weighting parameter estimation (w_i) due to amino acid under-sampling.

Comparison of putative optimal codon sets between the four genomes shows a high degree of overlap, where 21 of 25 predicted codons (conserved ratio 0.84) are identical. Compared against the archaeal hyperthermophile *Thermoproteus neutrophilus V24Sta*, the number of conserved codons decreases to 18 of 28 (conserved ratio 0.64). Classical multidimensional scaling (MDS) of an Euclidean distance matrix of estimated parameters (w_i) shows DL1 and *Hl* to be the most similar, while DL31 and tADL are increasingly separated and the expected outlier *T. netriphilus* the furthest removed.

Secondary replicons within the DL genomes show consistently lower CAI and CBI than the main replicon. Additionally, the primary replicons of tADL and DL1 possess extended regions of low CAI/CBI scoring genes (Fig. 1 and Fig. S7) some of which also contain HIR (see **High identity regions** below). These regions often coincide with strong variations in FR and increased density of mobile elements. This could be considered as evidence of recent incorporation and high volatility.

Ortholog groups. Thirteen haloarchaeal genomes (*Haladaptatus paucihalophilus* DX253; *Halalkalicoccus jeotgali* B3, DSM 18796; *Haloarcula marismortui* ATCC 43049; *Halobacterium salinarum* R1, DSM 671; *Halobacterium* sp. NRC-1; *Haloferax volcanii* DS2, ATCC 29605; *Halogeometricum borinquense* PR3, DSM 11551; *Halomicrombium mukohataei* arg-2, DSM 12286; *Haloquadratum walsbyi* HBSQ001, DSM 16790; *Halorhabdus utahensis* AX-2, DSM 12940; *Haloterrigena turkmenica* DSM 5511; *Natrialba magadii* ATCC 43099; *Natronomonas pharaonis* Gabara, DSM 2160) were included together with the four DL genomes in an ortholog cluster analysis. Ortholog clusters were determined using OrthoMCL (v2.0.2) where granularity (-I 1.4) was adjusted for best agreement between the resultant clusters and known single copy genes (e.g. ribosomal proteins, tRNA synthetases). From 52973 genes there were 6343 predicted ortholog clusters, 723 containing only one gene from each of the 17 genomes, which increased to 889 when constraints were reduced to allow an absence in one genome. Freeing the constraint on copy number to be greater than one, there were 894 clusters conserved in one or more copies per genome across all 17 haloarchaea, which increased to 1062 when constraints were again relaxed to permit one absent genome. Cluster function was inferred by homology to Archaeal COGs, where HMMER version 2.3.2 was used to create profile HMMs for each group from Clustalw2 multiple sequence alignments and ArCOG assignment decided by a simple voting heuristic.

The 894 ortholog clusters shared across all 17 genomes were used to define the core haloarchaeal gene content. The breakdown of functional classification for essential gene content was in agreement with other recent work (5) where 11% are involved in cellular processes and signalling, 30% in information storage and processing, 32% in metabolism, 13% general function prediction only and 15% poorly characterized (Fig. S8). When mapped to the Archaeal arCOGs using a similar voting heuristic as used in COG assignment, there was a 1:1 relationship for 754 ortholog clusters, 104 clusters mapped 2:1 to 52 arCOGs, with the remaining 36 mapped at higher degrees (24 in 3:1, 12 in 4:1), indicating somewhat finer cluster granularity in our work.

So defined, core genes were rarely located on DL secondary replicons. To explore what persistent contribution secondary replicons might make to the gene repertoire of DL haloarchaea, 68 ortholog groups were selected which possessed at least one secondary replicon member from each DL haloarchaea and also a member from tADL. This set was regarded as conserved but potentially non-core gene content. The largest ortholog groups within this set were associated with ISs (ISH3, ISH4 and ISH6 families) with sizes (72, 27 and 19) which were much greater than was typical (mean size = 9, median size = 7). The next most abundant ortholog groups included COG functional groups for transcription (K), replication, recombination and repair (L), defence mechanisms (V), inorganic ion transport (P), intracellular trafficking (U) and cell cycle, division and partitioning (D) (Fig. S9).

Selection - Ka/Ks ratios (ω). The selective pressure of haloarchaeal genes was considered both within and between populations. Single copy ortholog pairs were identified between tADL and *Hl* (within population) and tADL and *H. volcanii* (between populations). Clustalw2 was employed for multiple sequence alignment and ω was estimated by KaKs_calculator using AICc model selection (-m MS). For 843 within population and 842 between population ortholog pairs (mean ω : 0.065 and 0.062 respectively), none were found with $\omega > 1$ and only 8 within population and 7 between population had $\omega > 0.3$. The apparent distributional similarity for within and between population ω values (Kolmogorov-Smirnov D=0.04, p-value=1) suggests that core gene content is under similar purifying selective pressure irrespective of environment.

Whole metagenome assembly. The whole metagenome of DL was assembled using Celera WGS (v6.1), with the recommended component pipeline for 454 Titanium data. An initial assembly was performed with default runtime parameters, with the exception of 3.0% unitigger error rate. Celera WGS estimation of genome size and consequently its effect on the discriminating statistic (a-stat) categorising early contigs as degenerate (repeats) performs poorly on datasets which do not represent a single organism. The tendency to over-estimate genome size leads to an increase in false positive rate of degenerates. To mitigate its effect, genome size was reduced manually by two-fold and the assembly repeated post-overlap stage. This was repeated iteratively until the rate of change in degenerate assignment began to slow. The previous step was then taken as the final result. In the case of the DL metagenome, genome size was reduced 4-fold from the predicted 88 Mb to 22 Mb. From 6,626,699 usable reads, assembly resulted in 16,551 contigs (mean length = 2736 bp), 634 large contigs (> 10 kb) totalling 12 Mb in total length and 15917 small contigs totalling 33 Mb in total length. An additional 61 large

contigs (> 10 kb) classified as degenerate due to high read-depth (mean read-depth = 200) were also included.

For assembled contigs the low complexity of the DL metagenome permits inference of replicon source by cluster analysis in a two-dimensional space composed of GC content and mean read-depth (Fig. S10). Restricted to lengths greater than 15 kb, contigs belonging to each primary replicon of the three abundant isolate genomes were first identified by stringent BLASTN assignment (coverage $> 90\%$, e-value $< 10^{-10}$). The mean GC and read-depth of each of these labelled clusters is in agreement with values inferred from FR and reference genomes. Model based clustering using Mclust was performed in R with background Poisson noise to compensate for the presence of outliers belonging to no cluster. As tADL contigs are clearly separated, this step was limited to a subspace ($20 < \text{read-depth} < 100$) containing only three clusters (DL31, *H1* and the unlabelled cluster) (Fig. S11). The unlabelled cluster (center: GC=0.63, RD=38.3) comprises 52 large contigs (> 15 kb) totalling 1.89 Mb in total extent, subsequently referred to as the “tADL-related 5th genome”.

tADL is the nearest relative with an average nucleotide identity (ANI) of 0.802 (1.08 Mb aligning) and TUD (tetranucleotide usage deviation) regression of 0.959. Against tADL, NUCMER reports 492 gapped alignments totalling 806,411 bp with an average identity of 85.2%, while CONTIGuator maps 48 of 52 contigs (Fig. S12) or 1.82 Mb in total extent with 28.8% identity. Coverage across the tADL primary replicon correlates inversely with regions identified as putative genomic islands rich in non-core gene content (Fig. 2 and Fig. S7).

Annotation of the “tADL-related 5th genome” using SHAP predicted 1889 putative full length genes. Genomic content was inferred by orthologous group assignment, where each gene was scanned against the orthologous group profile HMM library using hmmpfam (e-value $< 10^{-10}$). This classified 873 genes (46%) as core gene content, covering 76% of orthologous groups, while 40 genes (2%) were assigned as non-core gene content. The proportion of core to non-core gene content and substantial coverage of the tADL primary replicon is highly suggestive that these contigs are likely to be of primary replicon origin.

Similarity comparison. ANI and TUD regression coefficients were determined between all replicons with JSpecies along with the “tADL-related 5th genome” for comparison (Table S8). Genomes with similarity scores of greater than 0.96 ANI or 0.98 TUD can be considered the same species.

The spread in similarity score distribution across the primary replicons is roughly 7-fold greater for TUD regression (0.830 ± 0.065) than ANI (0.721 ± 0.0084). Calculation of ANI relies upon BLAST alignments which may cover as little as 20% of the full replicon length, while TUD regression is inclusive of the whole genome and is independent of any preliminary homology search, suggesting perhaps TUD regression has a greater sensitivity in this case.

Primary replicons for DL1 and DL31 show the greatest similarity in TUD regression coefficient (0.945) but are otherwise unremarkable in ANI (0.715). The “tADL-related 5th genome” is most similar to tADL (ANI=0.808, TUD=0.959) but would not be considered the same species by conventional definition.

High identity regions. Though the DL haloarchaea genomes typically possess ~80% ANI, there exist many regions longer than 5 kb of much higher inter-replicon sequence conservation (>99%). Experimental validation by PCR amplification and sequencing confirmed the presence of HIR in their respective genomes (see **PCR and DNA sequencing confirmation of HIR** below).

Thirty regions longer than 5 kb are shared across seven of the nine isolate replicons (DL1: Contig37 and Contig38, DL31: Contig114 and Contig115, *Hl*: NC_012028, NC_012030 and tADL: Contig32) and thirteen regions longer than 10 kb are shared between six (DL1: Contig37 and Contig38, DL31: Contig114 and Contig115, *Hl*: NC_012028 and tADL: Contig32). BLASTN search of regions longer than 10 kb against Refseq_genomic showed that only DL haloarchaea possess sequence identity above 95%, with resultant mean query length 5033 bp. Significant hits below the 95% identity threshold approximated a normal distribution on identity ($\mu=86.3\%$, $\sigma=3.4\%$), possessed mean query length 1317 bp and were associated with haloarchaeal mobile elements.

Represented as a network with replicons as nodes and edges weighted by summation of region lengths over 5 kb (Fig. 3b), the most significant node is for replicon *Hl* NC_012028; ranked first both by normalized weighted degree (0.374) and normalized betweenness centrality (0.567). The top three most significant edges (normalized weights: 0.323, 0.182, 0.161) are intergenic links from *Hl* NC_012028 to DL31 Contig114, DL1 Contig38 and Contig37. From a genomic perspective, *Hl* and DL1 share regions of conserved sequence (>5 kb) with all three other lake isolates (degree 3), while DL31 and tADL share regions with only two other genomes (degree 2).

The identification of HIR raised the question of how novel the finding was, and what would be observed across the many sequenced haloarchaeal species and hypersaline haloarchaea-enriched environments for which metagenomic data exists. To answer this question, an all-vs-all analysis was carried out between 25 finished HA genomes (Table S9). ANI by BLAST was determined using JSpecies and the total extent in base-pairs of long shared HIR was determined using NUCMER. For HIR, only alignments greater than 99% identity and longer than 2000bp were considered, where the length criteria was chosen to minimise bias attributable to short, possibly well conserved mobile elements such as ISs. The total length of the resulting alignments were then summed for each genome-pair. Two symmetric "comparison" matrices of genome-pair values for ANI and L_{HIR} were constructed. Due to the large value range and presence of zeros, L_{HIR} matrix elements were transformed by $x'_{ij} = \log_{10}(x_{ij} + 1)$ prior to further steps.

Matrix element definitions for each of the two matrices:

$$ANI_{i,j} = ANI(\text{genome}_i, \text{genome}_j)$$

$$L_{HIR,i,j} = \log_{10} \left(\sum_{n=1}^n \text{length}_{i,j,n} + 1 \right)$$

Heatmaps (Fig. 4 and Fig. S14) were produced for both ANI and L_{HIR} , where hierarchical clustering of Euclidean distances was used to reorder rows and columns for minimum variance (Wards method).

Excluding self-self comparisons along the diagonal, the median global ANI of 71.3% correlates well with the primary mode within their distribution (Fig. S14B, red line). Prominent block clusters within the ANI exist, where more closely related genomes occur adjacently: *H.salinarum* and *NRC-1* (>99%), *H.walsbyi* and *H.walsbyi_C23* (98.7%), *H.hispanica* and *H.marismortui* (90.6%), *H.volcanii* and *H.mediterranei* (82.4%). A larger block of seven genomes also exhibits collective similarity: *Nat_J7-2*, *H.turkmenica*, *H.xanaduensis*, *N.pellirubrum*, *N.ocultus*, *N.gregoryi*, *N.magadii* (median ANI 78.5%) producing an observable peak with the distribution of ANI (Fig. S14B, blue line). Comparisons between the two *H.walsbyi* species and the other 23 genomes show that the *H.walsbyi* are systematically more distantly related (median ANI 64.8%) (Fig. S14B, green line). For the DL isolate genomes (*tADL*, *DL31*, *H.lacusprofundi* and *DL1*) the median ANI 73.1 % (Fig. S14B, light blue line). Fitting a normal model to the primary mode within the ANI distribution by expectation maximisation ($\mu=71.2$, $\sigma=1.4$), only the DL isolates ANI can be considered not significantly different from the mean (p -value = 0.09).

The DL isolates between each other exhibit a median ANI not significantly different from the global median between all 25 haloarchaeal genomes, while at the same time there exist other genome-pairs with ANI significantly different than the global median and closer to unity. Not all of these more closely related genome-pairs possess HIR, while all six possible genome-pair combinations between the four DL isolates do, suggesting that HIR are a peculiar feature of the DL community -- not observed in other haloarchaea whose complete genomes are currently available.

For the L_{HIR} heatmap (Fig. 4 and Fig. S14C), the majority of matrix elements are zero as there exist no alignments of sufficient identity and length between genome pairs. Of the 9 genome-pairs which contain HIR regions, 3 pairs are from closely related organisms (>90% ANI): *H.walsbyi* and *H.walsbyi_C23*, *H.salinarum* and *NRC-1*, *H.hispanica* and *H.marismortui*. The remain 6 genome-pairs possessing HIR regions involve only DL isolates and represent the full complement of possible pair-wise combinations. The total length of HIR shared between the four DL genomes ranged from 6,561 to 138,307 bp (Table S10), with the extent of matches between genomes mirroring the results from network analyses (Fig. 3B).

To assess whether the DL-specific HIR were present in haloarchaea from other hypersaline environments, FR was performed independently for each long (>10 kb) DL HIR against 15 saltern metagenomes (11 Chula Bay, 4 Santa Pola; 2.8 million reads, 1.1 Gb) obtained from the Sequence Read Archive (SRA). Recruitment was performed using FR-hit imposing a minimum read coverage of 50% and relaxed minimum identity of 70%. Read coverage across individual HIR was visualised using in-house scripts in R and compared against published gene annotations.

Metagenome sample environments with lower salinity, Chula Bay low (6-8%) and medium (12-14%) salinity ponds, did not recruit any reads. Of 5700 recruited reads, all originated from higher salinity environments (19-37%), Chula Bay high (28-30%) and Santa Pola SS19 (19%) and SS37 ponds (37%), consistent with salinity ranges where haloarchaea begin to dominate the community. Despite low read assignment stringency, coverage across individual HIR was incomplete, with reads mapping primarily within IS associated genes (Fig. S15). Only 1.3% of recruited reads (74 reads) exceeded 95% identity, and none exceeded 99% identity.

To examine the genomic content of HIR (>5 kb) all 654 genes completely contained within them were considered. Assigned to orthologous groups, only 6 (< 1%) genes were identified as core gene content while 180 (27.5%) were considered non-core gene content. By ArCOG assignment 380 (58.1%) were poorly characterised, 177 (27.1%) were information storage and processing, 60 (9.2%) were cellular processes and signaling and 37 (5.7%) were metabolism. Nearly two thirds (63%) of those assigned to cellular processes were associated with V, defense mechanisms.

ArCOGs from [V] assigned to genes from HIR:

- arCOG00719 PIN domain containing protein
- arCOG01208 Minimal nucleotidyltransferase
- arCOG01664 Cytotoxic translational repressor of toxin-antitoxin stability system
- arCOG02777 Restriction endonuclease
- arCOG03779 GTPase subunit of restriction endonuclease
- arCOG03899 Predicted restriction endonuclease, HNH family
- arCOG04493 PIN domain containing protein
- arCOG04793 Transcriptional regulator, predicted component of viral defense system
- arCOG05102 McrBC 5-methylcytosine restriction system component
- arCOG08906 Predicted antitoxins containing the HTH domain

Sequence flanking each region was compared against Refseq_protein with BLASTX (e -value $< 10^{-5}$), where the analysed regions were 2000 bp upstream of the ends of each region. Of the 25 HIR considered (50 flanking regions), 24 (48%) were associated with transposase genes, an additional 11 (22%) associated with integrase, resolvase or endonucleases, 5 hypotheticals and 10 genes of various annotation.

Insertion sequences. ISSaga was used to analyse and manually annotate DL haloarchaea genomes for ISs. Of the 489 IS related ORFs found across the four isolates, 297 were putative complete, 108 putative partial and 84 uncategorized. Collectively as a set, ISSaga estimates between 127 to 178 different IS types. Three IS families (ISH3, IS200/IS605 and IS5) comprise 65% of all predictions (Table S5). Considering only predictions with greater than 90% similarity to known ISs, a negative correlation was found between the proportion IS related base pairs and replicon length (Spearman p -value = 0.042).

A bipartite graph of IS to host genome helped to visualise the prevalence of each within the community, where nodes and edge size is relative to the number of ISs found within the target genome (Fig. 3a). The node out-degree profile of IS nodes follows a power-law distribution ($R^2=0.970$) with the top three nodes ISHla1 (38.4%), ISHla6 (20.7%) and ISHla7 (14.6%) possessing 73.7% of all edge weight. Although model fitting to a limited number of nodes is nonsensical, it can be seen that tADL (25.8%), DL31 (31.1%) and HI (32.3%) possess roughly equal numbers of the most prevalent ISs, while DL1 possesses fewer (10.7%).

It has been argued that as the set of nonessential genes decreases with genome size, the frequency of highly deleterious transposition targets acts to control IS abundance (6). In light of this, the high density of ISs observed within the secondary replicons of the DL

haloarchaea suggests that these replicons possess a high degree of freedom for genomic plasticity and are likely to contain predominantly nonessential genes. There exist also regions of high IS density within the primary replicons, in particular a 400 kb region within tADL (1.150-1.550 Mb) which itself does not possess a secondary replicon.

Using the ISSaga database a total of 489 matches to ISs were identified across the four genomes, with three families (ISH3, IS200/IS605 and IS5) comprising 65% of all predictions (Table S5). The density of ISs was noticeably higher in secondary replicons and in distinct regions of the tADL and DL1 primary replicons which possessed low CAI/CBI indexes. The secondary replicon with the lowest density was >4 times the density of any primary replicon, and the density in tADL was >2.5 times higher than the next dense primary replicon. A comparison to 119 other species showed tADL is ranked 2nd in number of ISs behind *Sulfolobus solfataricus* P2 which has considerably more than any other in the ISSaga database.

Lake viruses. Accessions for 55 completed archaeal virus genomes were sourced from the European Nucleotide Archive (ENA) (URL:

<http://www.ebi.ac.uk/genomes/archaealvirus.html>) and retrieved from the ENA Sequence Version Archive (URL: http://www.ebi.ac.uk/cgi-bin/sva/sva.pl?&do_batch=1) as DNA fasta sequence. An archaeal virus database was generated from the 55 genomes, where BLASTN identified 15 contigs over 1 kb and 4 contigs over 10 kb with significant similarity (e-values < 10⁻⁵) to viruses associated with halophilic *Euryarchaeota* hosts (7). Identifications were comprised of *Myoviridae* HF1, HF2 and PhiCh1; pleolipoviruses (8) HGPV1, HRPV2, HRPV3 and HRPV6; and *Siphoviridae* BJ1. In total extent, assembly contigs associated with *Myoviridae* viruses constituted 68 kb with reported genome sizes 75 kb. For *Siphoviridae* BJ1 with a reported genome size of 42 kb, two associated contigs (29 kb, 53 kb) may represent two separate genomic scaffolds.

Genome characteristics of the four DL haloarchaea. The genomic features that distinguish tADL from the other three DL haloarchaea and may therefore contribute to its dominance include: 1) a single replicon; 2) a physiology that includes a preference for high-affinity uptake of carbohydrates, complemented by photoheterotrophy and carbon storage. Only tADL possesses genes for gas vesicles, bacteriorhodopsin, and polyhydroxyalkanoate (PHA) biosynthesis, and it has a higher number of predicted ATP-binding cassette transporters for carbohydrates (six), and possesses multiple glycerol kinase orthologs (first step in glycerol breakdown) and a large number of regulatory genes (e.g. signal transduction). Thus, tADL appears to have a highly saccharolytic (carbohydrate degrading) “high energy” metabolism that can respond to changing substrate availability, with glycerol as a preferred substrate. Gas vesicles provide buoyancy that facilitates upward motion, and particularly for slow-growing organisms can allow more efficient vertical migrations than swimming by flagella (9). This may facilitate tADL getting to the surface in the summer, thereby allowing light-driven bacteriorhodopsin to generate energy, and faster growth rates to occur in the warmer water. This reasoning is consistent with tADL abundance being somewhat lower in the deepest point (36 m) of the lake (Fig. S5 and S6). Additionally, surplus carbon and energy could be stored as PHA, and mobilised for biomass production when other limiting substrates become available.

The other genomes each have specific characteristics indicative of niche adaptation. The DL31 genome is characterized by pathways for protein and peptide uptake and breakdown (including many predicted secreted proteases), and is the only one to lack detectable flagella and ammonia transporters. It appears to be orientated towards proteolytic (protein-degrading) metabolism targeting particulate matter rich in protein, with proteins providing both carbon and nitrogen. DL1 is enriched in genes associated with amino acid breakdown, and is the only one to lack genes for glycerol breakdown. It therefore appears to prefer free amino acids, and be unable to benefit from glycerol, which can be an abundant carbohydrate released from algae in hypersaline systems (10). *Hl* has the most versatile metabolism, with genomic potential for utilizing both carbohydrates and proteins as growth substrates. However, it has comparatively few over- or under-represented COGs associated with metabolism, which may indicate that it prefers to target a broad range of substrates rather than having a specialised metabolism.

Precedent for Antarctic ecosystem distinctiveness. A precedent for Antarctic ecosystem distinctiveness is known for Ace Lake, a marine-derived, non-hypersaline, meromictic system that is located ~15 km from DL (11). In Ace Lake, green sulfur bacteria grow at the oxycline in the lake, appearing in a distinct, dense zone about 1 m thick. The population is essentially clonal, represented by a single dominant member, *C-Ace* (12,13). The physico-chemical properties at the oxycline differ greatly from the upper oxic and lower anoxic zones, imposing a range of specific selection pressures (*e.g.* light penetration) on the community inhabiting this zone. *C-Ace* is predicted to have evolved dominance through mechanisms allowing phage evasion linked to a growth response controlled by the annual polar light cycle (13). The whole water mass of DL provides different, but similarly constraining conditions, particularly the specific combinations of extreme hypersalinity and cold; conditions that have selected for an overall haloarchaeal community composition that differs greatly from other salterns in the world where *Haloarcula* spp., *Hfx. volcanii*, *Haloquadratum walsbyi* and *Halobacterium salinarum* are typically found (but are absent in DL) (14-16). By restricting the nature of species that can grow and compete in the lake, and providing conditions that naturally promote gene exchange, the system appears to have had the time to enable gene exchange events to become relatively frequent and fixed in the population, becoming an important driver of haloarchaeal community evolution.

PCR and DNA sequencing confirmation of HIR. PCR and Sanger sequencing was used to confirm that presence of HIR in each of the four DL haloarchaeal genomes, by amplifying and sequencing the boundary regions of randomly selected HIR from all four strains. DNA was extracted from cultures using the xanthogenate-sodium dodecyl sulfate extraction protocol. Primers were designed to ensure that the desired amplicons would include sequences immediately before and after the boundary of the HIR (Table S11). The following is Sanger DNA sequence data obtained for PCR amplified fragments, noting the organism, replicon and genome location.

DL1

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Materials and Methods

Sample collection and processing for metagenomics from Deep Lake. Water samples were collected from DL ($68^{\circ}33'36.8S$, $78^{\circ}11'48.7E$), Vestfold Hills, Antarctica between November 30 and December 5, 2008 (Fig. S1). Water was collected by dinghy from above the deepest point in the lake by pumping water directly from 5, 13, 24 and 36 m depths into 25L drums and immediately processing samples on-shore by sequential size fractionation through a 20 μm prefilter directly onto filters 3.0, 0.8 and 0.1 μm pore sized, 293 mm polyethersulfone membrane filters (12,13,17-22). A volume of 50 L was filtered for 5, 13 and 24 m depths, and 25 L for 36 m depth. Samples were preserved in buffer and cryogenically stored, and DNA extracted as previously described (12,13,18-22).

Isolation, growth and genomic DNA extraction of DL haloarchaea. tADL (NCBI taxon ID 758602), DL31 (NCBI taxon ID 756883) and DL1 (NCBI taxon ID 751944) were isolated from DL surface water collected December 2006 (tADL) and November 2008 (DL31, DL1) (Fig. S1). Pure cultures were recovered from water samples using an extinction dilution method (23) and DBCM2 medium (24,25). All cultures were incubated at 30°C . Repeated rounds of limiting dilution titrations produced pure cultures, as assessed by microscopy and 16S rRNA gene sequencing (16). For large-scale cultivation, cells were inoculated into 200 ml of DBCM2 medium in 500 ml capacity, cotton-wool stoppered flasks. Cultures were shaken (100 rpm) at 30°C until late exponential phase and cells harvested by centrifugation (5,000 rpm = $4066 \times g$, 15 min, 4°C , Sorvall GSA rotor). The cell pellet was resuspended gently in 2 ml of a solution containing 20% (v/v) glycerol and 2 M NaCl. Cell lysis and DNA purification was performed using Qiagen genomic tips (500/G), and the manufacturer's protocol for the extraction of DNA from bacteria (Qiagen genome DNA handbook). The resulting DNA was checked for quantity and quality by spectroscopy ($A_{260}/A_{280} \geq 1.95$) and by agarose gel electrophoresis. PCR and sequencing of the 16S rRNA genes was used to confirm identity and purity of the DNA preparations.

DNA sequencing. Metagenome libraries for pyrosequencing were constructed using DNA from 0.1 μm filters (at 5 m, 13 m and 24 m depth), 0.8 μm and 3.0 μm filters (at 24 m depth) or pooled DNA from all three filter sizes (at 36 m depth) using the RAPID protocol (Roche) and sequenced using 454 technology (26) on a 454-FLX machine using Titanium chemistry. Illumina sequencing (27) was performed from libraries made using DNA from 0.8 μm and 3.0 μm filters from the 24 m sample only, using recommended protocols (Illumina), and were sequenced on the Illumina GAIIx using paired-end 76 cycle reads. Pyrosequencing of PCR amplified V8 region of small subunit (SSU) rRNA genes was used to generate microbial community profiles. The 454 adaptor-added SSU rRNA gene primer set, 926Fw (5'-3' AACTYAAAKGAATTGRCGG) and 1392R (5'-3' ACGGGCGGTGTGTRC) was used in PCR to amplify the V6-V8 region, with 5-bp barcodes incorporated into the reverse primer to multiplex samples. PCR amplicons were sequenced by the DOE Joint Genome Institute, using the Roche 454 GS Titanium technology as previously described (28). Sequences were analyzed through the Pyrotagger computational pipeline (<http://pyrotagger.jgi-psf.org>) for quality trimming, clustering to operational taxonomic units (OTUs) based on 97% sequence identity, and

taxonomic assignment by blastn against the Greengenes database (29). Singletons and potential chimeras were removed to minimize PCR artifacts. Draft genomes of the DL haloarchaea were generated at the DOE Joint Genome Institute (JGI) using a combination of Illumina (27) and 454 technologies (26). Briefly, for each genome we constructed and sequenced an Illumina GAII shotgun library, a 454 Titanium standard library and a paired end 454 library with an average insert size of 8-10 kb. All general aspects of library construction and sequencing performed at the JGI can be found at <http://www.jgi.doe.gov/>. The initial draft assemblies were generated using a Newbler/VELVET (30) hybrid approach. Manual finishing of all genomes was then performed at Los Alamos National Laboratory using a combination of computational tools, as well as PCR fragment subcloning and PCR-based primer walks.

SSU rRNA gene profiling. The taxonomic affiliations for SSU rRNA gene V6 tag sequences contributing to >0.2% of all sequences derived from 5 m, 13 m, 24 m and 36 m depths combined in DL were resolved by alignment of tags and their five nearest blast hits from NCBI to the Greengenes 2011 alignment and insertion by parsimony into the guide tree. Class level taxonomic affiliations of SSU rRNA gene V6 tag sequences comprising <0.2% of all sequences derived from 5 m, 13 m , 24 m and 36 m depths in DL were derived from blastn against the Greengenes database. Phylogenetic tree construction was performed using the software package ARB (31). Full-length SSU rRNA gene sequences from the four DL haloarchaeal genomes were aligned to the 2011 Greengenes reference phylogeny (32) and incorporated by parsimony into the reference tree consisting of 408,315 sequences. Reference outgroup sequences from major *Archaea* groups, along with close neighbours of the four DL haloarchaea were chosen for *de novo* tree construction using the Neighbour-Joining algorithm with Jukes-Cantor correction.

Fragment recruitment, highly degenerate regions and reference mapping. Fragment recruitment (FR) was performed individually on each sample and carried out against all publically available complete and draft bacterial, archaeal and viral genomes from NCBI, all organelle genomes from EMBL and the four DL haloarchaea (tADL, DL31, *Hl* and DL1) as references. The only eucaryal reference examined was a halophilic green alga *Dunaliella salina* CCAP 19/18 (<http://genomesonline.org/cgi-bin/GOLD/bin/GOLDCards.cgi?goldstamp=Gi13840>), where the raw draft sequence was masked for low complexity sequence using RepeatMasker version 3.3.0 (-noint). FR was performed independently for each reference using FR-Hit version 0.5.8 (33) (read coverage > 90%, alignment identity > 98%) and the resulting combined set of read assignments across all genomes was reduced to a non-redundant set by selection of the single longest and highest identity alignment per read. The genomic coordinates of highly degenerate regions (read depths > 3-fold median replicon read-depth) were determined by application of peak detection using custom scripts in R applied to replicon nearest-neighbour smoothed (radius 200 bp) read-depth traces. Sequences extracted from these regions were subsequently reduced to a non-redundant set by clustering with CD-Hit version 4.0 at 98% identity and annotated by BLASTX against Refseq_protein (e-value < 10⁻⁵). FR was repeated on post-filtered DL metagenomic reads. Reference mapping was performed with GS Reference Mapper v2.6 for each genome against all DL samples

(98% minimum overlap identity, 100 bp minimum overlap length). Gephi version 0.8.2 was used to visualise and calculate statistics of networks (34).

SNPs and recombination. Paired-end Solexa runs from 36 m depth were aligned with Bowtie version 0.12.8 (35) to the four DL haloarchaeal genomes following recent methodology (1) with parameters: -t -n 1 -l 20 -e 80 --solexa1.3-quals --nomaqround --best --sam --chunkmbs 128 --minins 100 --maxins 500. Subsequent SNP identification was performed using Samtools version 1.1.16 with parameters: -c -C 50 -N 4. SNPs where mapped read-depth above 20-fold and variant frequency above 0.9 were considered fixed mutations within the DL population. PIIM v2.02 (36) was used to infer scaled rates of mutation and recombination ($\theta = 2N_e\mu$, $\rho = 2N_e c$) for each DL isolate replicon. PIIM's pre-generated likelihood lookup table limits read-depth to 50-fold, therefore requiring downsampling of our data. Downsampling by random selection was performed using Picard v1.77 (37) and BAM to ACE format conversion accomplished using Conseq v23 (38). Rates were estimated in sliding 50 kb windows and resampling repeated 10 times with randomly selected seeds. Confidence intervals (95% CI) for θ , ρ were estimated by bootstrapping in R (N=10,000) using the boot (39) package. Rates estimation in PIIM was performed using the likelihood lookup table for $\theta = 0.1$, since as many as 25% of predictions resulted in $\rho = \infty$ when using $\theta = 0.01$.

CAI/CBI. Codon adaptation and codon bias indexes (CAI/CBI) (40) for each genome were determined by CodonW version 1.4.4 (41). Putative optimal codons sets were determined by a two-way Chi-squared contingency test of the two extremes of the principle trend of a correspondence analysis, where sampling of codon frequency was restricted to the primary replicon of each isolate.

Ortholog groups. Ortholog groups of the 17 haloarchaeal completed genomes (tADL; DL31; *Hl*; DL1; *Haladaptatus paucihalophilus* DX253; *Halalkalicoccus jeotgali* B3, DSM 18796; *Haloarcula marismortui* ATCC 43049; *Halobacterium salinarum* R1, DSM 671; *Halobacterium* sp. NRC-1; *Haloferax volcanii* DS2, ATCC 29605; *Halogeometricum borinquense* PR3, DSM 11551; *Halomicrombium mukohataei* arg-2, DSM 12286; *Haloquadratum walsbyi* HBSQ001, DSM 16790; *Halorhabdus utahensis* AX-2, DSM 12940; *Haloterrigena turkmenica* DSM 5511; *Natrialba magadii* ATCC 43099; *Natronomonas pharaonis* Gabara, DSM 2160) were determined using OrthoMCL version 2.0.2 (42) with parameters: -I 1.4. Granularity was adjusted for best agreement between the resultant clusters and known single copy genes (e.g. ribosomal proteins, tRNA synthetases) (4). The function of ortholog groups was inferred by homology to Archaeal COGs (43), where HMMER version 2.3.2 was used to create profile HMMs for each group from Clustalw2 multiple sequence alignments and ArCOG assignment decided by a simple voting heuristic. Core haloarchaeal genomic content was defined as ortholog groups shared as single copy genes between all 17 genomes and permitting one doublet (894 groups). DL flexible content was defined as those ortholog groups (68 groups) shared between at least one secondary replicon from each DL isolate and tADL.

Selection – K_a/K_s ratios (ω). Single copy ortholog pairs were identified between tADL and *Hl* (within population) and tADL and *H. volcanii* (between population). Clustalw2

was employed for multiple sequence alignment and ω was estimated by KaKs_calculator (44) using AICc model selection (-m MS).

Genome characteristics of niche adaptation. Genomes were interrogated for the presence or absence of genes that encode proteins and metabolic pathways that may provide ecophysiological distinctions between the four DL haloarchaea. COG scrambler (45) was used to identify statistical representation of COG categories and individual COGs between the four DL genomes.

Whole metagenome assembly. The whole metagenome of DL was assembled using Celera WGS (v6.1), with the recommended component pipeline for 454 Titanium data. An initial assembly was performed with default runtime parameters, with the exception of 3.0% utgErrorRate. Celera WGS estimation of genome size and consequently its effect on the discriminating statistic (a-stat) categorising early contigs as degenerate (repeats) performs poorly on datasets which do not represent a single organism. The tendency to over-estimate genome size leads to an increase in false positive rate of degenerates. To mitigate its effect, genome size was reduced manually by 2-fold and the assembly repeated post-overlap stage. This was repeated iteratively until the rate of change in degenerate assignment began to slow. The previous step was then taken as the final result. Genome size was reduced 4-fold from the predicted 88 Mb to 22 Mb. From 6,626,699 usable reads, assembly resulted in 16,551 contigs (mean length = 2736bp), 634 large contigs ($\geq 10\text{kb}$) totalling 12 Mb in total length and 15917 small contigs totalling 33 Mb in total length. An additional 61 large contigs ($> 10\text{kb}$) classified as degenerate (mean read-depth = 200) were also analysed. For assembled contigs the low complexity of the DL metagenome permits inference of replicon source by cluster analysis in a two-dimensional space composed of GC content and mean read-depth. Restricted to lengths greater than 15 kb, contigs belonging to each primary replicon of the three abundant isolate genomes were identified by stringent BLASTN assignment (coverage > 90%, e-value $< 10^{-10}$). Model based clustering using Mclust (46) was performed in R with background Poisson noise to compensate for the presence of outliers belonging to no cluster. As tADL contigs were clearly separated, clustering was limited to a subspace ($20 < \text{read-depth} < 100$). The unlabelled cluster (center: GC=0.63, RD=38.3) comprises 52 large contigs ($> 15\text{ kb}$) totalling 1.89 Mb in total extent and subsequently referred to as tADL-related 5th genome. Contigs attributed to the tADL-related 5th genome were mapped to tADL by CONTIGuator (47) using default parameters. Annotation was performed using SHAP (48) and predicted genes stringently assigned (e-value $< 10^{-10}$) to orthologous groups by Hmmpfam.

Similarity comparison. Average nucleotide identity (ANI) and tetranucleotide usage deviation (TUD) regression coefficients were determined between all replicons with JSpecies version 1.2.1 (49) along with the “tADL-related 5th genome”.

High identity regions (HIR). Long range HIR between DL haloarchaeal genomes were identified using NUCMER all-vs-all, where only regions with greater than 99% identity and longer than 5 kb were kept. Flanking regions (2000 bp upstream) were compared against Refseq_protein using BLASTX (e-value $< 10^{-5}$) where overall genomic content

was assessed by categorisation as insertion sequence, mobile element associated, or other. The 13 identified regions longer than 10 kb were reduced to a non-redundant set of 12 sequences using CD-hit (99% identity). To infer putative replicon source (lineage) for the 12 non-redundant regions, TUD regression coefficients were calculated between all 12 regions and all 9 DL replicons using JSpecies.

An all-vs-all analysis was carried out between 25 finished HA genomes (Table S9). ANI by BLAST was determined using JSpecies and the total extent in base-pairs of long shared HIR was determined using NUCMER. For HIR, only alignments greater than 99% identity and longer than 2000bp were considered, where the length criteria was chosen to minimise bias attributable to short, possibly well conserved mobile elements such as insertion sequences. The total length of the resulting alignments were then summed for each genome-pair. Two symmetric "comparison" matrices of genome-pair values for ANI and L_{HIR} were constructed. Due to the large value range and presence of zeros, L_{HIR} matrix elements were transformed by $x'_{ij} = \log_{10}(x_{ij} + 1)$ prior to further steps.

Fifteen metagenomes from hypersaline environments were obtained from the Sequence Read Archive (<http://sra.dnanexus.com>) in fastq format. Reads were converted to multi-fasta by in-house script and fragment recruitment performed independently for each long (>10kb) HIR using FR-Hit version 0.5.8 (33) (read coverage > 50%, alignment identity > 70%) against these metagenome readsets.

Matrix element definitions for each of the two matrices:

$$ANI_{i,j} = ANI(\text{genome}_i, \text{genome}_j)$$

$$L_{HIRi,j} = \log_{10} \left(\sum_{n=1}^N \text{length}_{i,j,n} + 1 \right)$$

Insertion Sequences (ISs). ISSaga (50) was used to analyse and manually annotate DL haloarchaeal genomes for ISs.

Lake viruses. Accessions for 55 completed archaeal virus genomes were sourced from the European Nucleotide Archive (ENA) (URL: <http://www.ebi.ac.uk/genomes/archaealvirus.html>) and retrieved from the ENA Sequence Version Archive (URL: http://www.ebi.ac.uk/cgi-bin/sva/sva.pl?&do_batch=1) as DNA fasta sequence. An archaeal virus database was generated from the 55 genomes, where hits from BLASTN with e-value < 10^{-5} were identified as significant. Fifteen contigs over 1 kb and 4 contigs over 10 kb were identified as possessing significant similarity to viruses associated with halophilic *Euryarchaeota* hosts (7).

PCR and DNA sequencing confirmation of HIR. PCR and Sanger sequencing was used to confirm that presence of HIR in each of the four DL haloarchaeal genomes, by amplifying and sequencing the boundary regions of randomly selected HIR from all four strains. DNA was extracted from cultures using the xanthogenate-sodium dodecyl sulfate extraction protocol (51). Primers were designed to ensure that the desired amplicons would include sequences immediately before and after the boundary of the HIR.

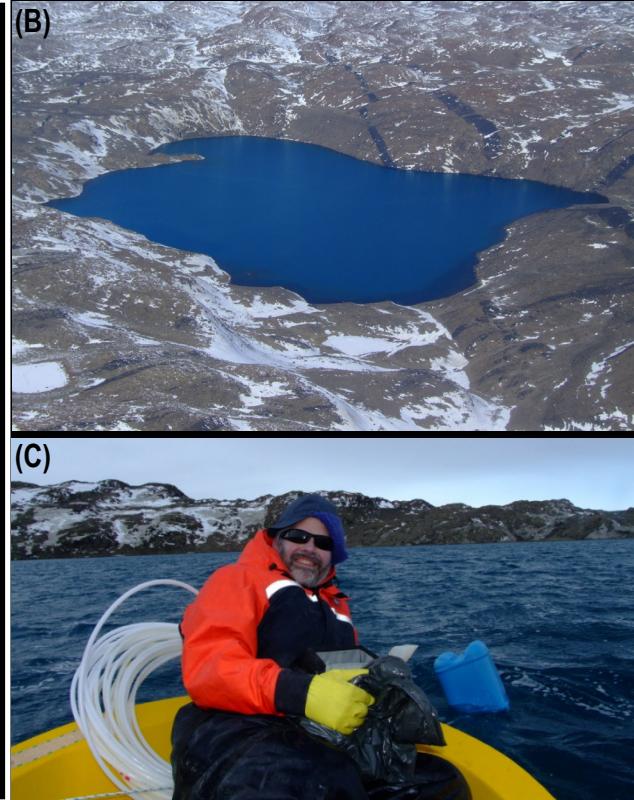
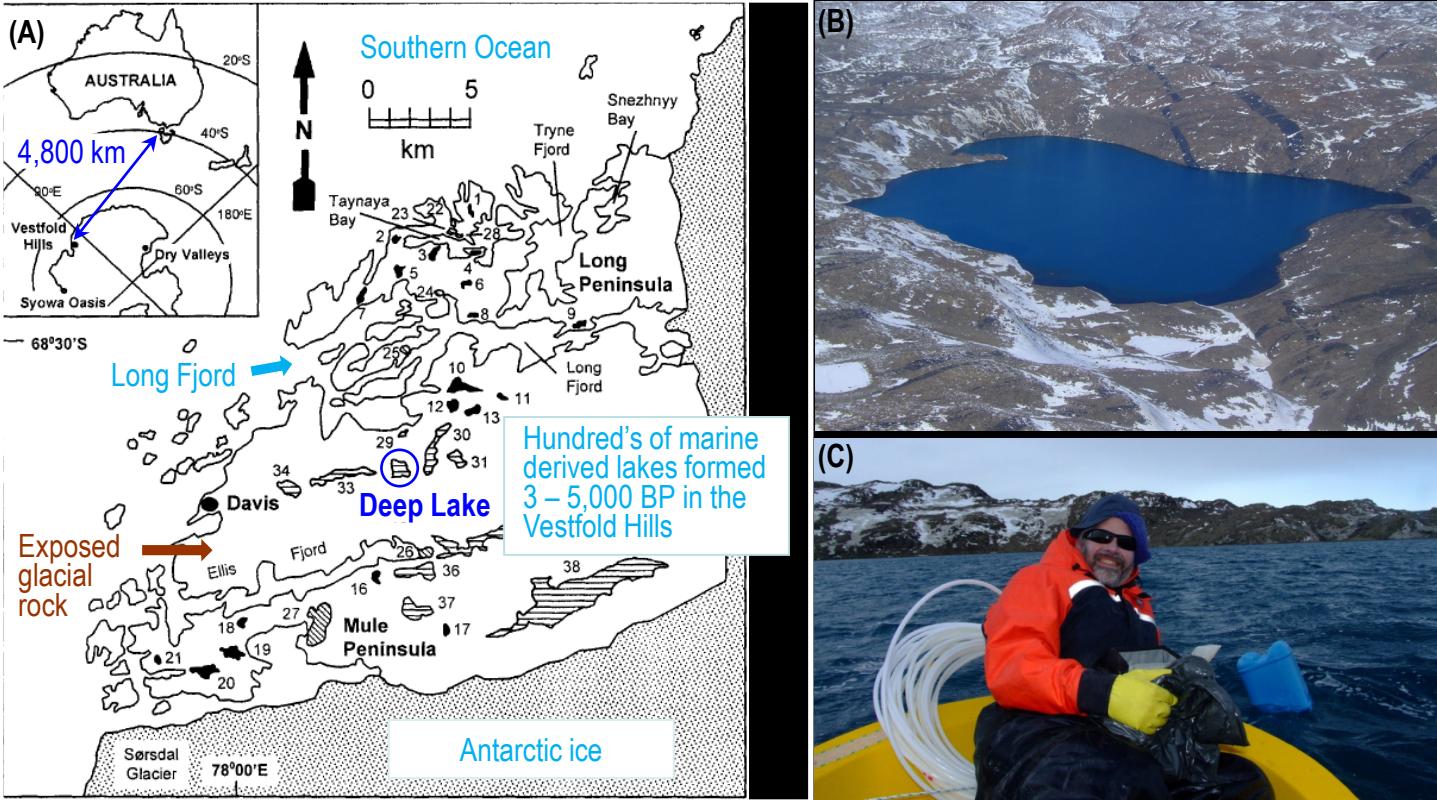


Fig. S1. Deep Lake expedition. **(A)** Schematic of the Vestfold Hills, on the eastern shore of Prydz Bay, East Antarctica, showing the location of Organic Lake, adapted from Gibson (11). The Vestfold Hills is approximately 400 km² in area and contains a remarkable diversity of more than 300 lakes which range in salinity from fresh to hypersaline (11,52). Most of the saline lakes were originally pockets of seawater, trapped less than 10 000 BP when the continental ice-sheet receded and the land rose above sea-level (11,53). Differing local conditions has led each lake to develop unique physical and chemical properties, and life in the lakes tends to be entirely microbial with low levels of diversity (52,54). Deep Lake is ~55 m below sea-level, consisting of a marine-concentrated hypersaline brine about ten times seawater concentration (55). **(B)** Aerial photograph of Deep Lake, November 2008. **(C)** Sampling from the deepest point of Deep Lake. **(D)** Expedition work site at Deep Lake, November 2008, showing mobile work shelters and equipment for sampling. **(E)** View of Deep Lake from surrounding hills. Work site just visible near the shore on the right hand side of the panorama. The flat line of land in the background marks the water level before Deep Lake was isolated from the sea. **(F)** Relics of a past marine ecosystem are evident from tube worms and shells scattered around the shoreline and hills, and more contemporary preservation of carcasses of penguins and seals are present near shore, possibly having been preserved by the salt and cold for 100s to 1000s of years.

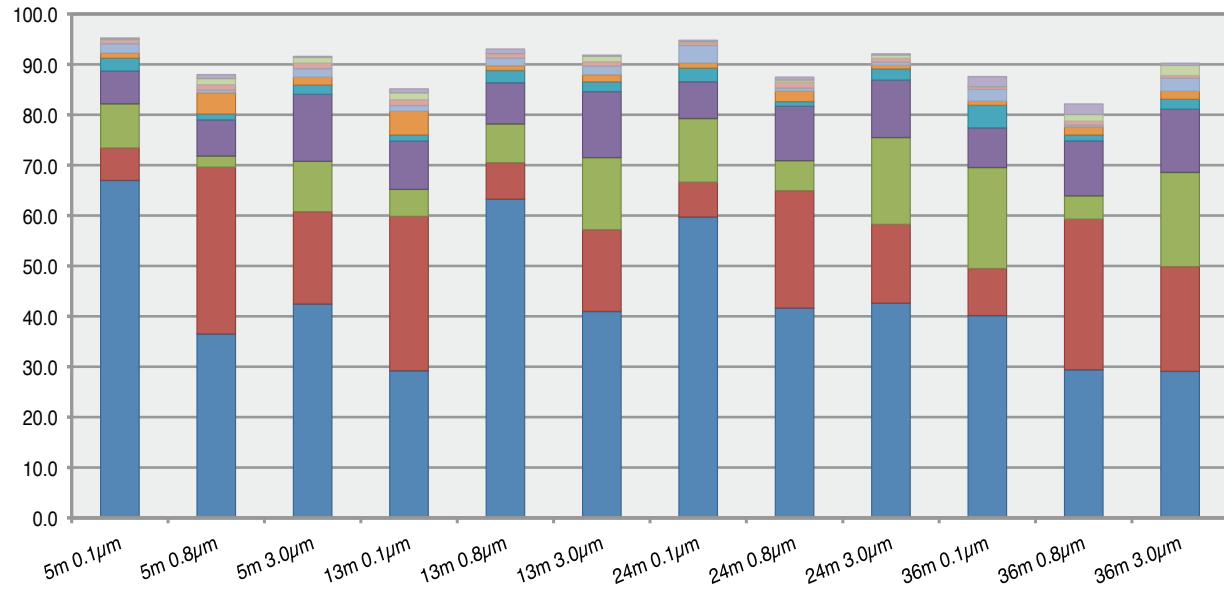
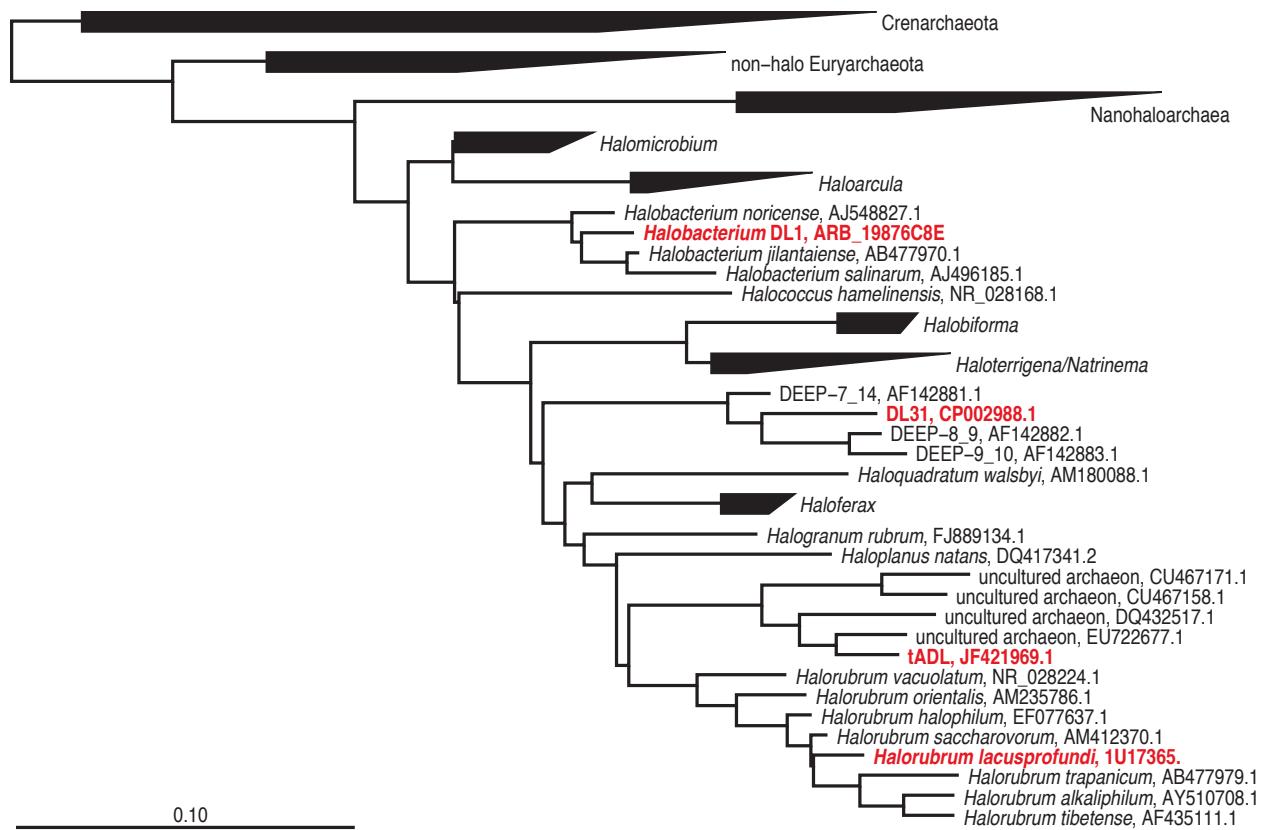


Fig. S2. Taxonomy and abundance of tADL, DL31, *Hl* and DL1 in Deep Lake. Upper panel: Neighbour-joining phylogenetic tree highlighting the relationships between the four DL haloarchaea tADL, DL31, *Hl* and DL1. All four DL isolates belong to distinct genera level taxa within the family *Halobacteriaceae*. Lower panel: Bar chart displaying the best taxonomic affiliation down to species level of SSU rRNA gene V6 tag sequences comprising >0.7% of all sequences derived from 5 m, 13 m, 24 m and 36 m depths in DL. tADL (blue), DL31 (red), *Dunaliella* chloroplast 100 (green), *Hl* (purple), DL29-clone (blue green), *Halospina denitrificans* (orange), *Chlorophyceae* (light blue), *Halobacteriaceae* (pink), *Oceanospirillales* (light green), *Bacteriodetes* (light purple).

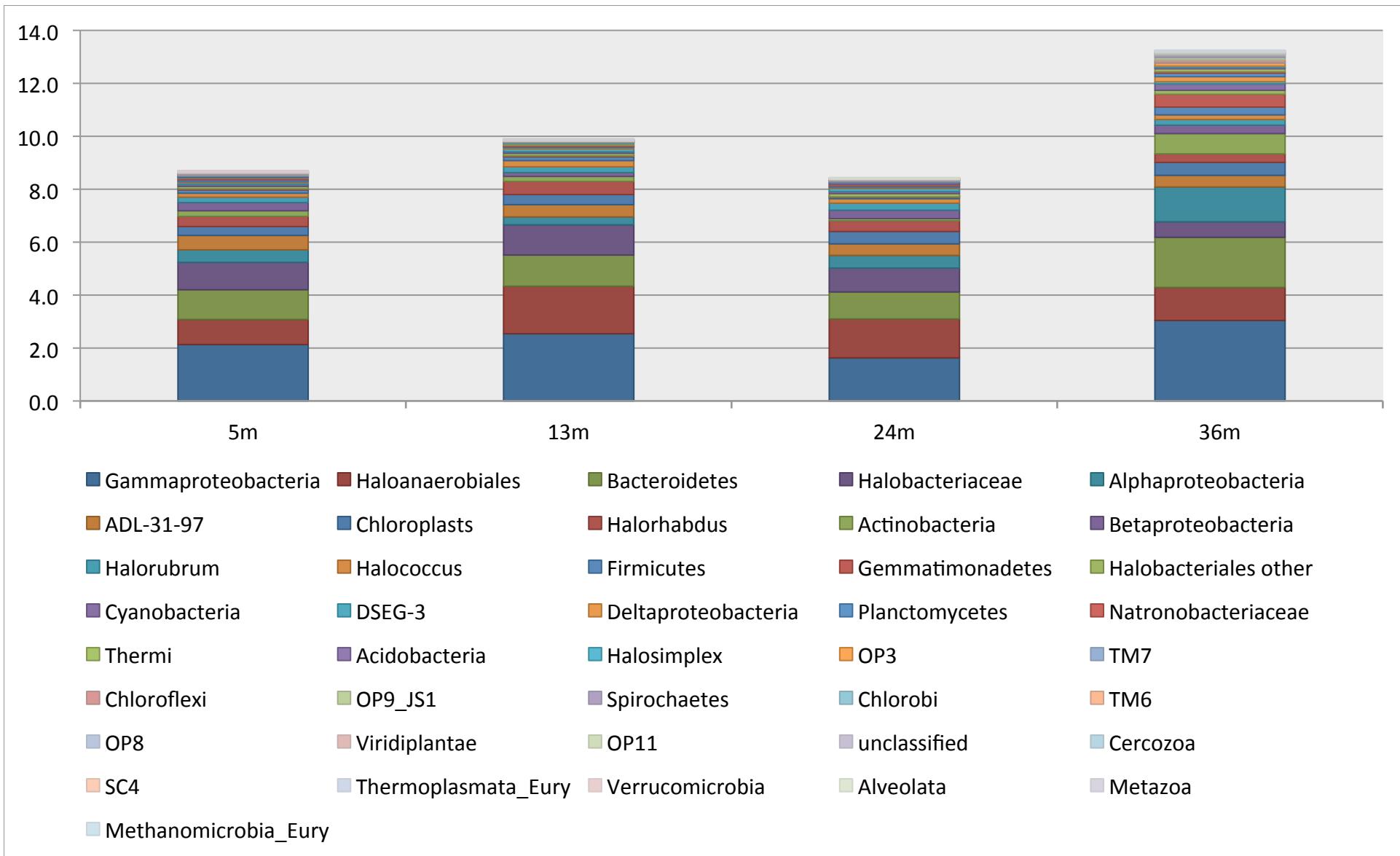


Fig. S3. Taxonomy and abundance of rare species in Deep Lake. Bar chart displaying taxonomic affiliations of SSU rRNA gene V6 tag sequences comprising <0.7% of all sequences derived from 5 m, 13 m, 24 m and 36 m depths in DL. Affiliation has been presented at the family level, except in the case of *Proteobacteria* and *Halobacteriales* which have been further delineated (*e.g.* class). These data represent the taxa not already shown in Fig. S2.

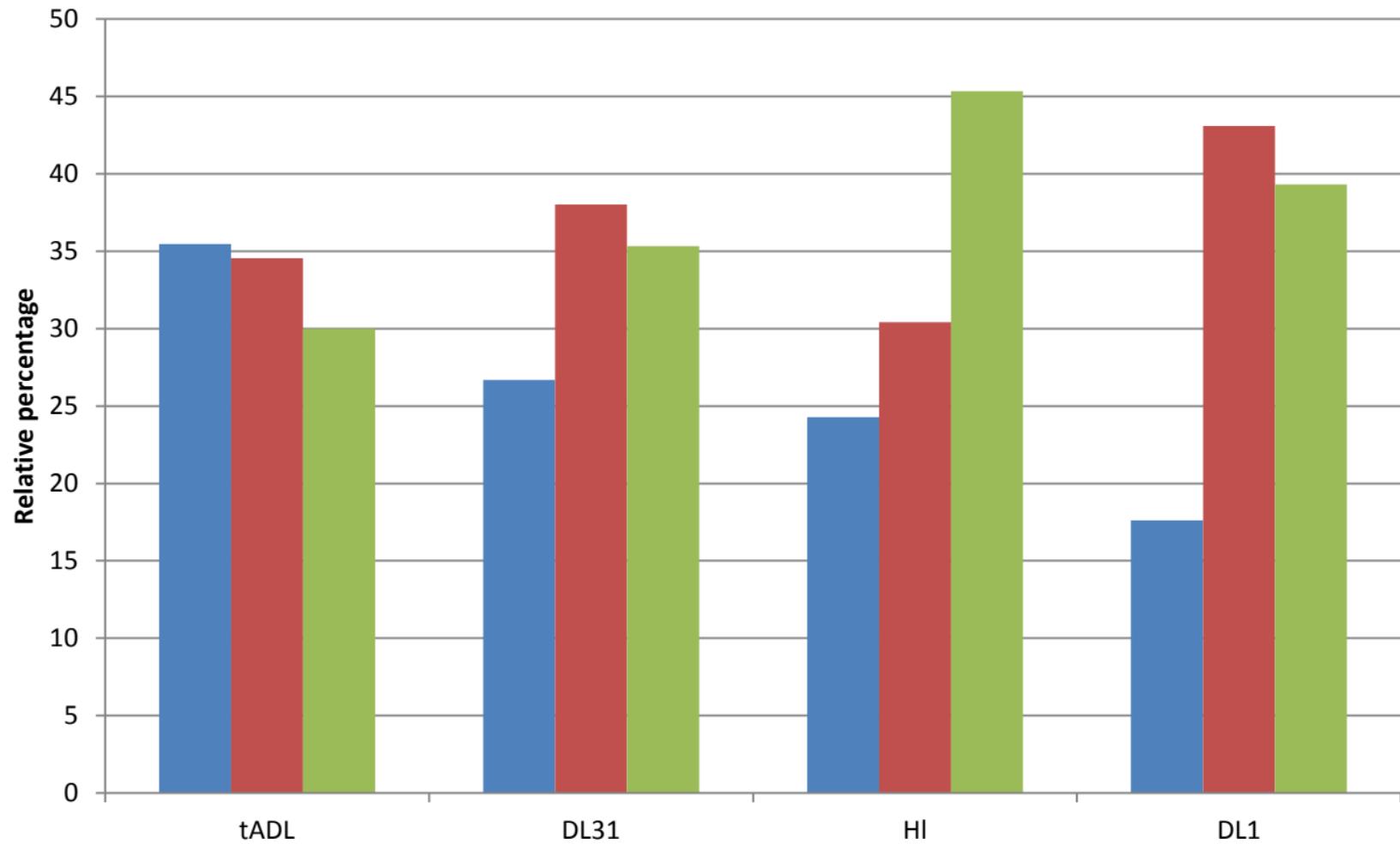


Fig. S4. Relative abundance of tADL, DL31, *Hl* and DL1 genomes across Deep Lake. The relative abundance of the four DL genomes averaged across the three size fractions was determined from three analysis methods: SSU rRNA gene pyrotag sequencing (green bars) and FR from metagenomic data generated by Roche 454 Titanium (blue bars) and Solexa Illumina sequencing (red bars). tADL was the most abundant organism in all cases, followed by DL31 (2nd), *Hl* (3rd) and DL1 (4th).

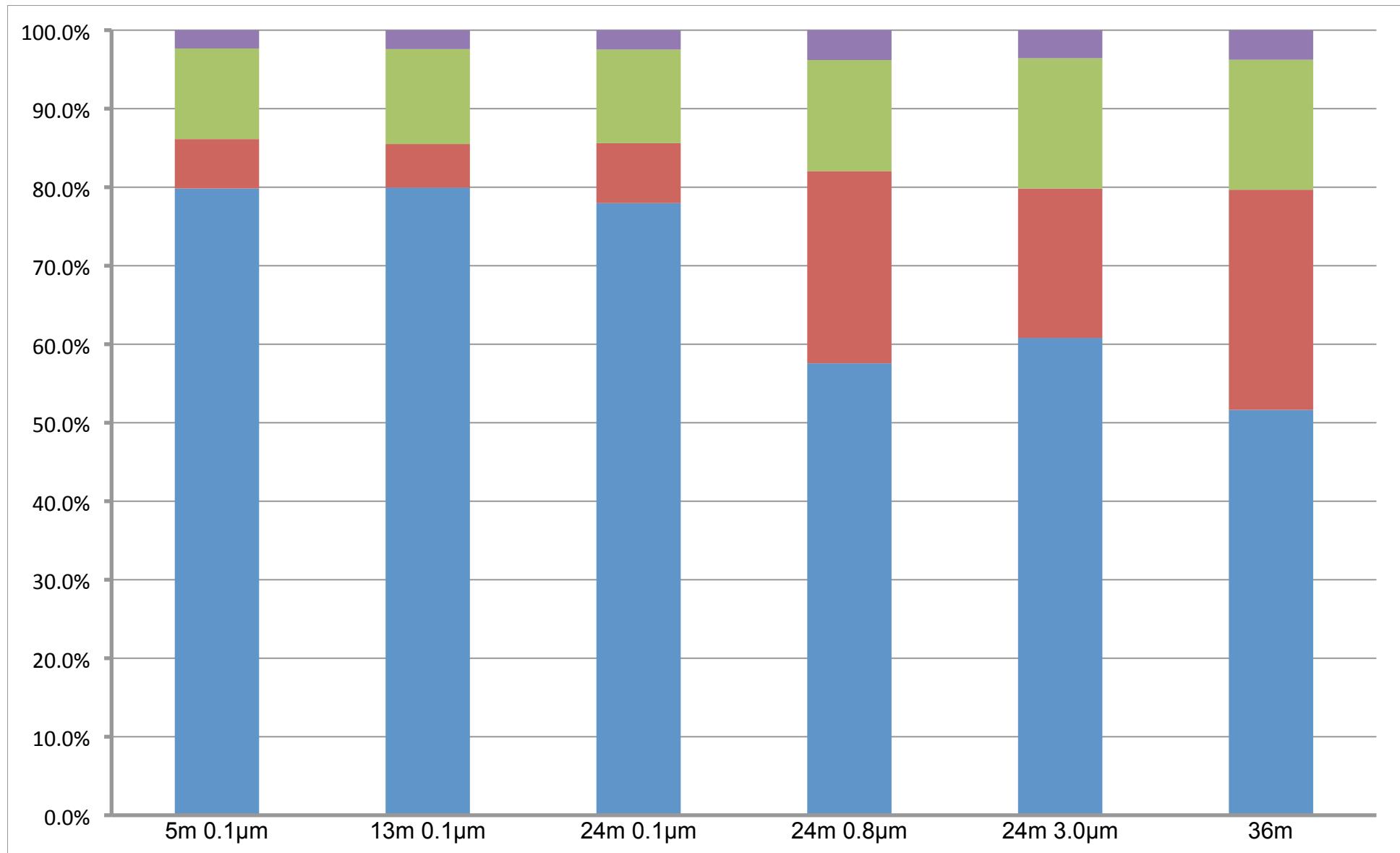


Fig. S5. Fragment recruitment across depths and filter sizes. Relative abundance of fragments recruited to the four DL genomes (tADL: blue, DL31: red, *Hl*: green, DL1: purple) from 454 Titanium generated metagenomic reads for six dataset (5 m 0.1 μm ; 13 m 0.1 μm ; 24 m 0.1, 0.8 and 3.0 μm ; 36m pooled).

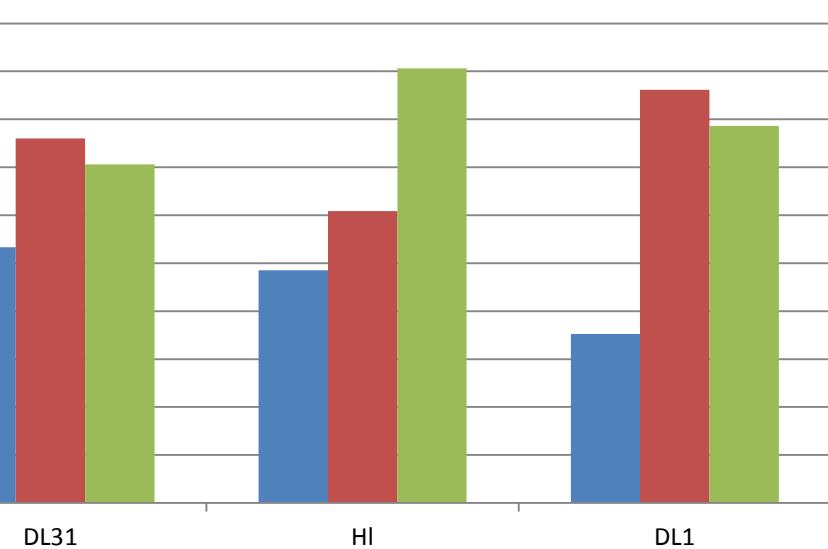
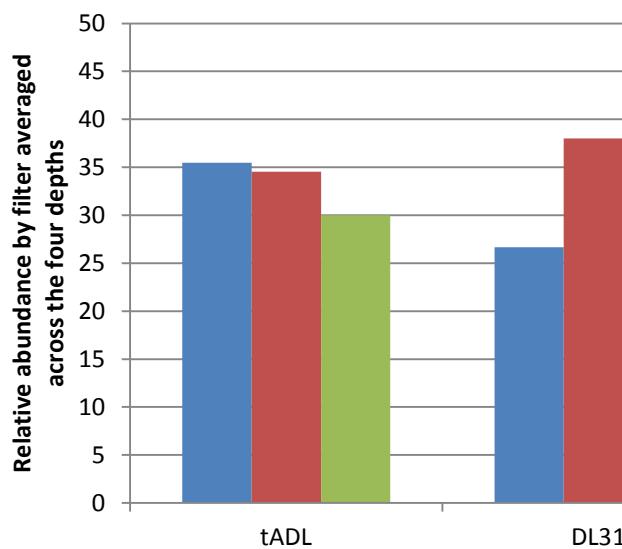
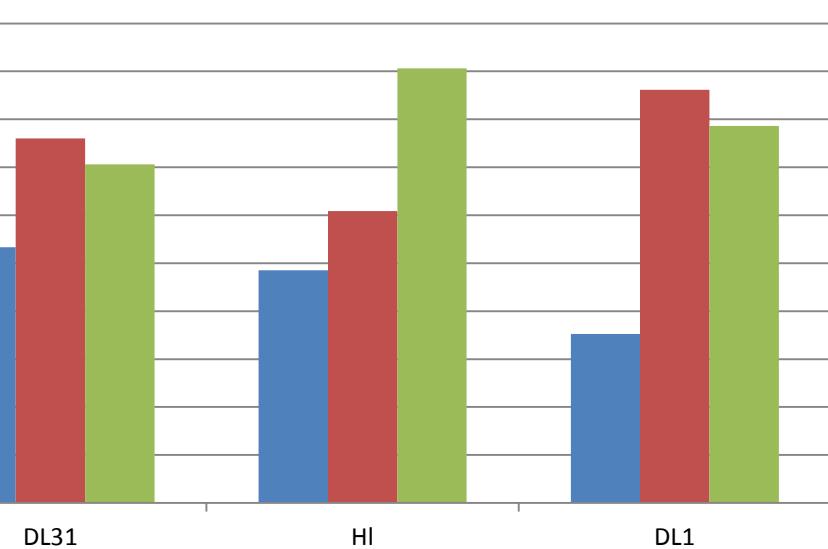
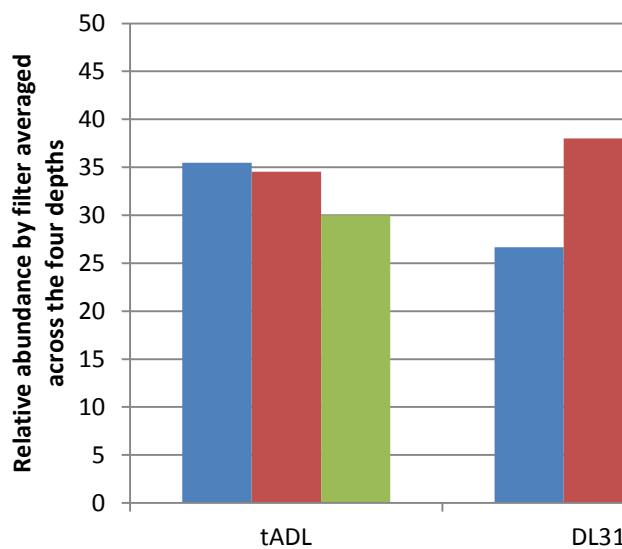
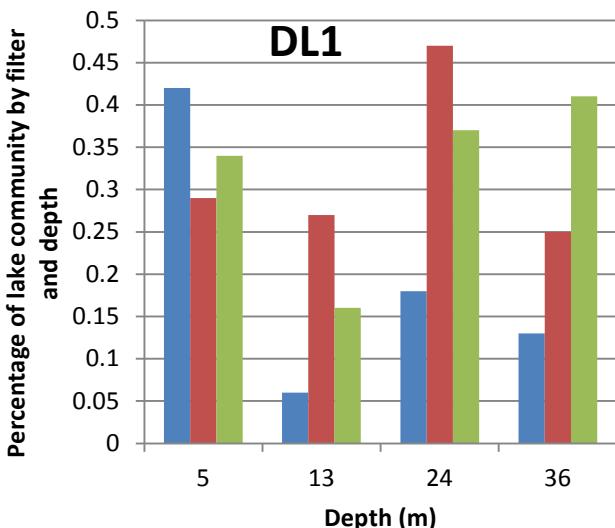
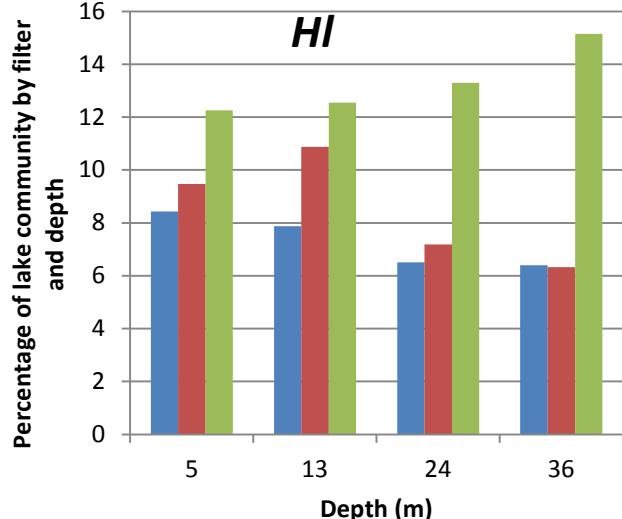
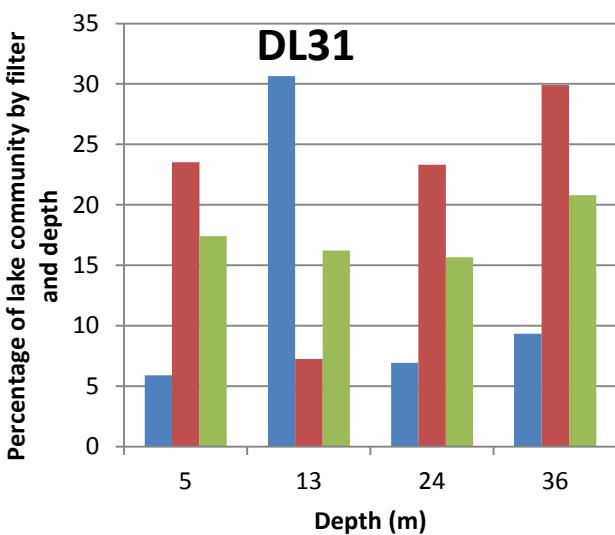
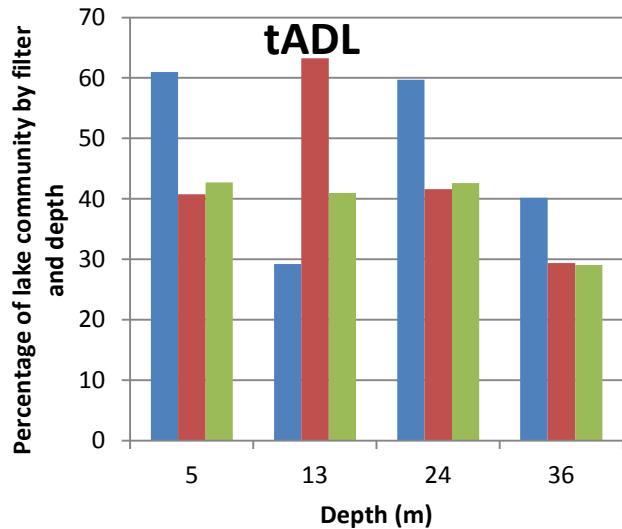


Fig. S6. Relative abundance of tADL, DL31, *Hl* and DL1 SSU rRNA genes across Deep Lake. Top four panels: Percentage of total SSU rRNA gene V6 tag sequences for tADL, DL31, *Hl* and DL1 for each filter size and each lake depth. Lower panel: Percentage of total SSU rRNA gene V6 tag sequences for tADL, DL31, *Hl* and DL1 for each filter size averaged across the four lake depths. 0.1 μm (blue bars), 0.8 μm (red bars), 3.0 μm (green bars).

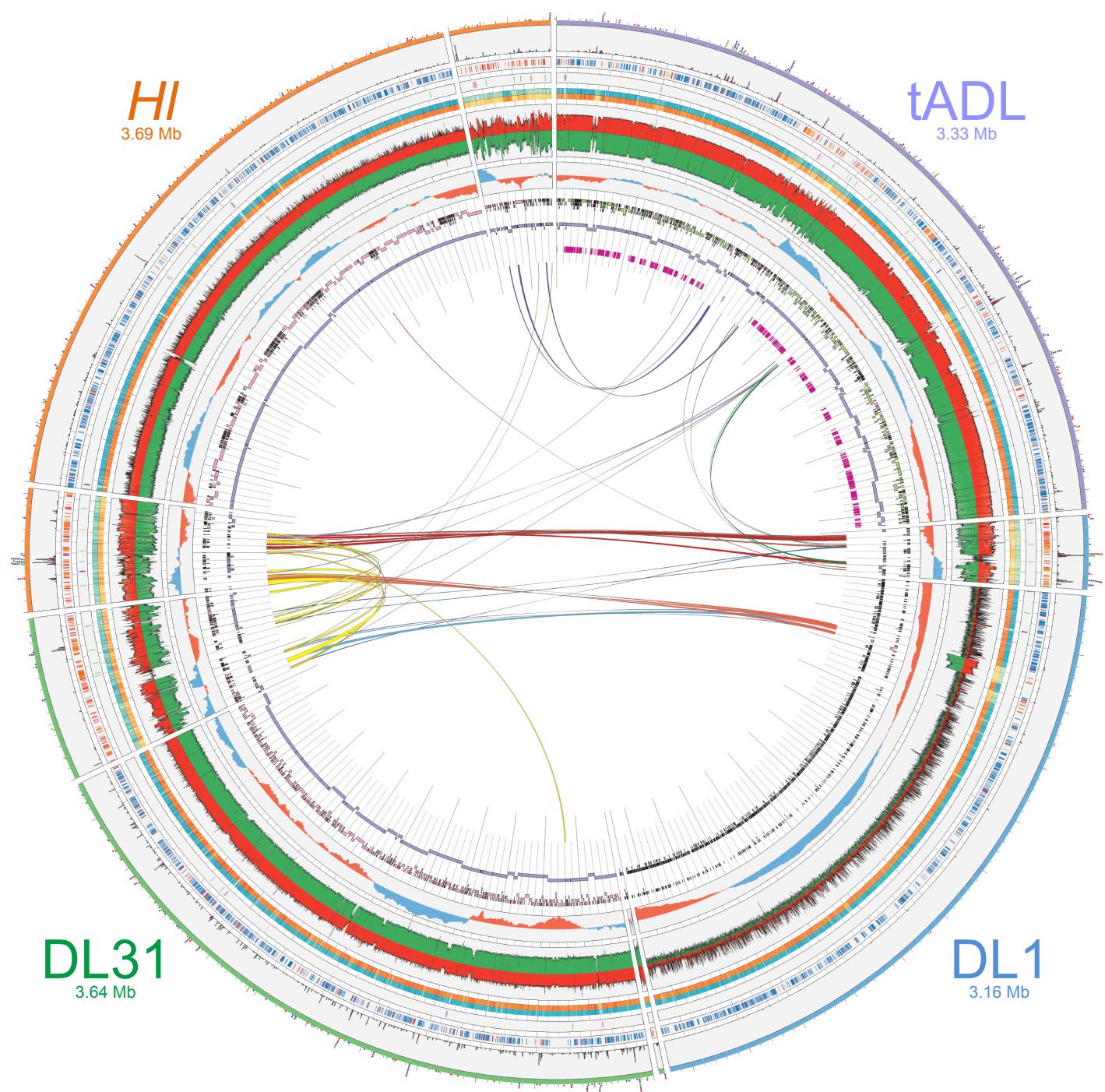


Fig. S7. Genome characteristics of Deep Lake haloarchaea: tADL, DL1, DL31 and *Hl*. Circos plot (56), outside to inside: Outer filled dots: fixed SNPs (freq ≥ 0.9), non-synonymous (red), intergenic (green), synonymous (blue); 1st annulus: replicon backbones clockwise from the top, tADL (contig-32, purple), DL1 (contig-37, contig-38, light blue), DL31 (contig-113, contig-114, contig-115, green), *Hl* (NC_012028, NC_012029, NC_012030, orange); 2nd annulus: SNP histograms, stacked freq bands 0.7-0.8, 0.8-0.9, 0.9-1.0; 3rd annulus: core (blue), flexible (orange), IS (red); 4th annulus: CRISPR associated (pink), *orc1/cdc6* (green), rRNA (purple); 5th annulus: CAI (yellow-blue), CBI (yellow-orange) heatmaps, deeper colour indicates more adapted; 6th annulus: read-depth by gsMapper reference mapping (red), FR-hit fragment recruitment (green), log scale y-axis; 7th annulus: GC skew, > 0 (blue), < 0 (red), y-axis is independent per replicon; 8th, 9th annulus: Contigs from Celera WGS or gsMapper *de novo* assembly of 8 million 454 reads; 10th annulus: “ADL-like 5th genome” fragments aligned to the tADL genome; Internal lines: shared HIR of $\geq 99.8\%$ nucleotide identity and 5 kb length.

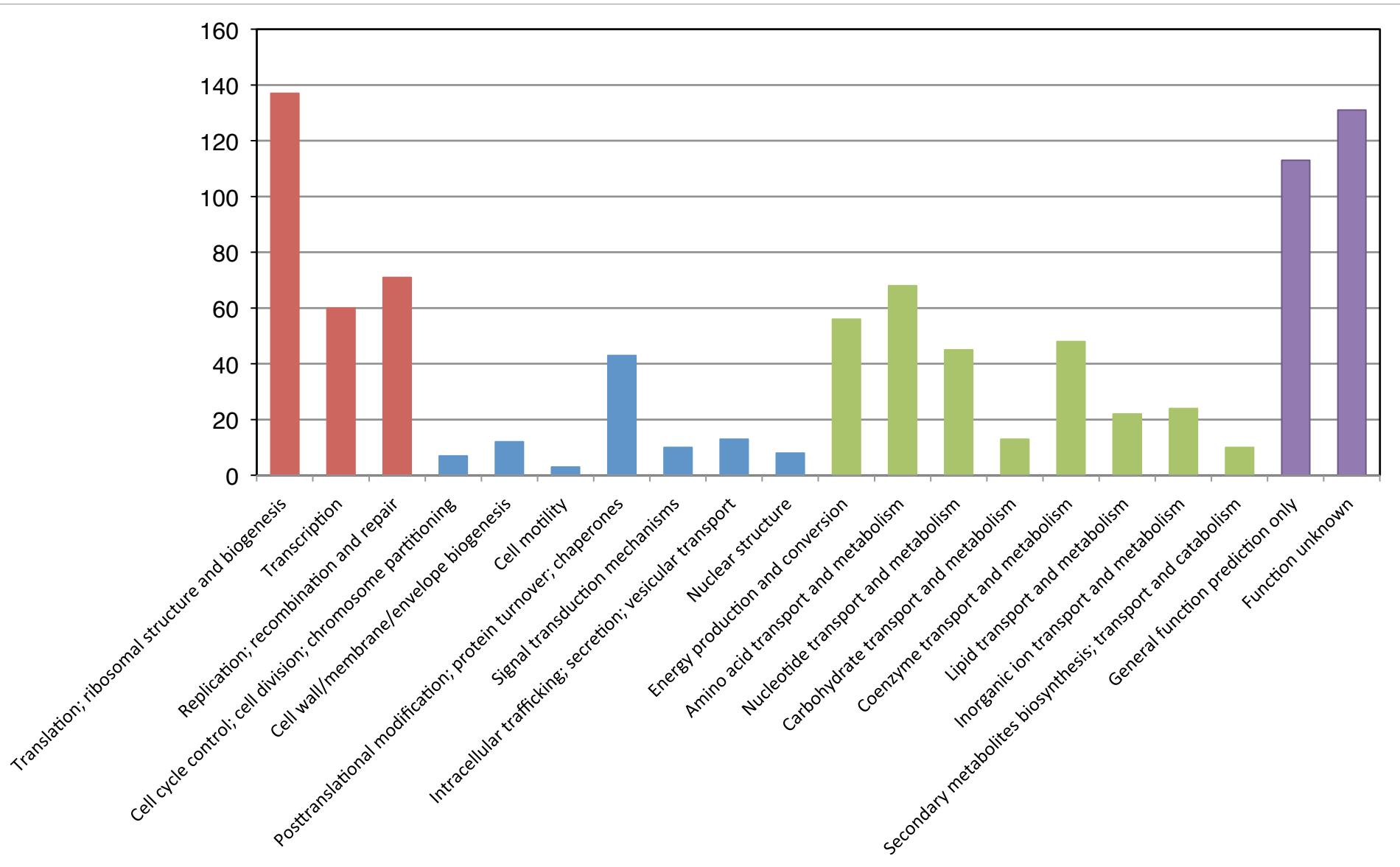


Fig. S8. ArCOG assignments of the core gene content. Core orthologous groups assigned to ArCOG functional categories. Bars are coloured by the four functional classes: Information storage and processing (red), Cellular processes and signalling (blue), Metabolism (green) and Poorly characterised (purple).

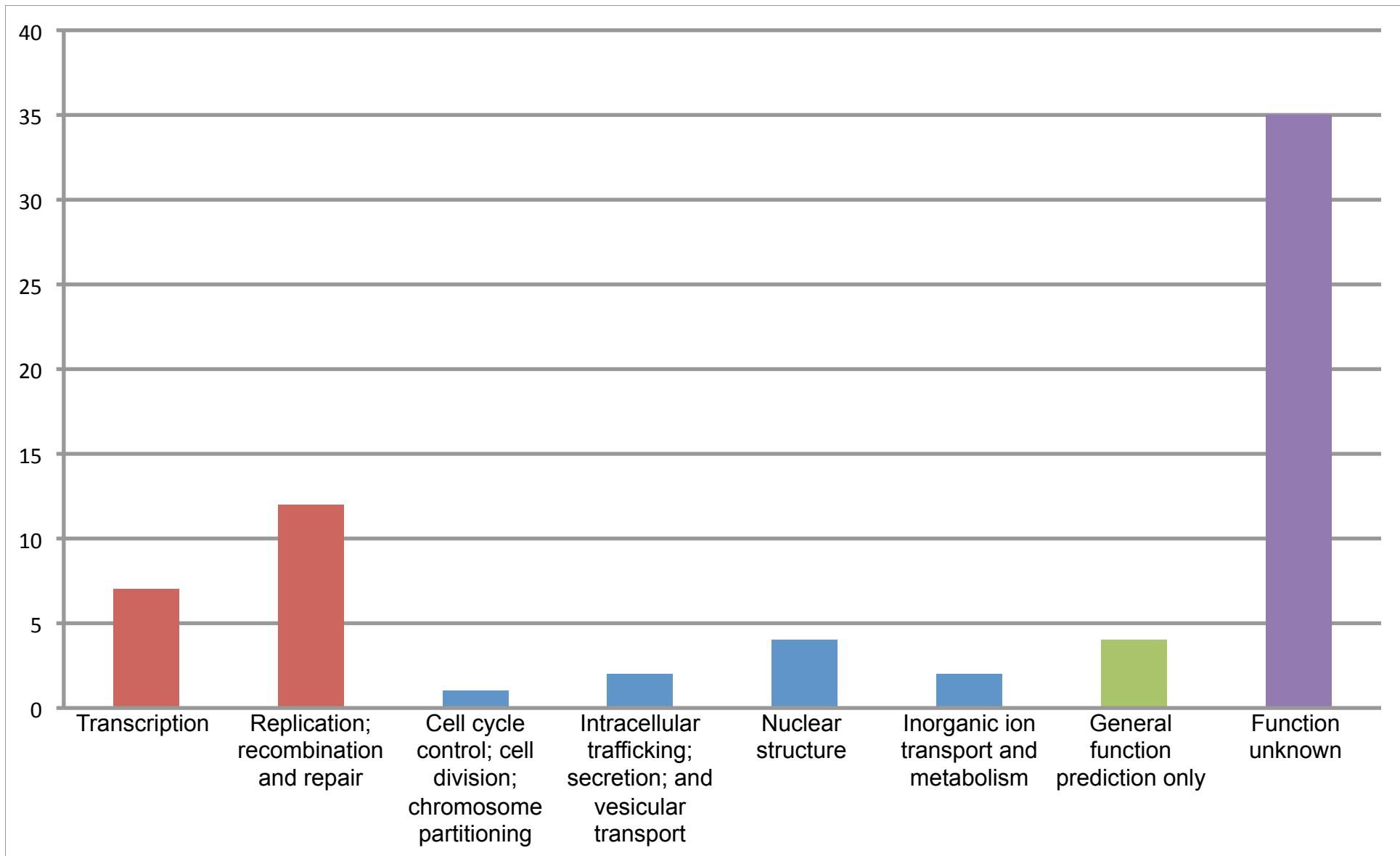


Fig. S9. ArCOG assignments of the non-core gene content. Non-core orthologous groups assigned to ArCOG functional categories. Bars are coloured by the four functional classes: Information storage and processing (red), Cellular processes and signalling (blue), Metabolism (green) and Poorly characterised (purple).

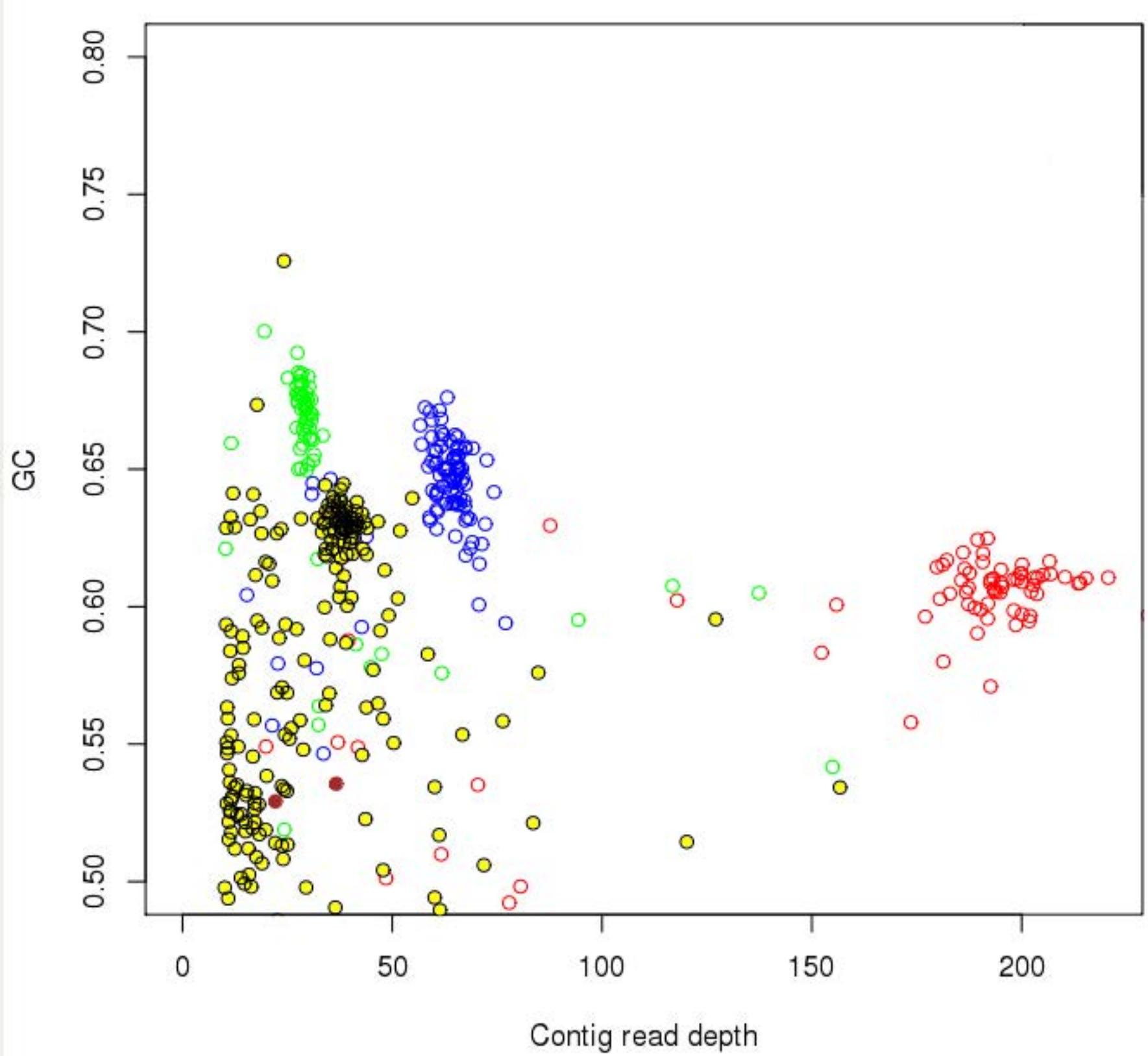


Fig. S10. Scatterplot of *de novo* assembly contigs in GC plus read-depth space. A 2-dimensional scatterplot of contigs longer than 15 kb from Celera WGS *de novo* assembly of all Roche 454 Titanium datasets, where axes are GC content and mean read-depth. Contigs possessing sufficient BLASTN scores (coverage > 90%, e-value < 10^{-10}) to the four DL genomes were labeled tADL (red), DL31 (blue), *Hl* (green), DL1 (brown). A dense cluster of unlabeled contigs (yellow) is visible with center (GC=0.63, RD=38.3) corresponding to the “tADL-like 5th genome”.

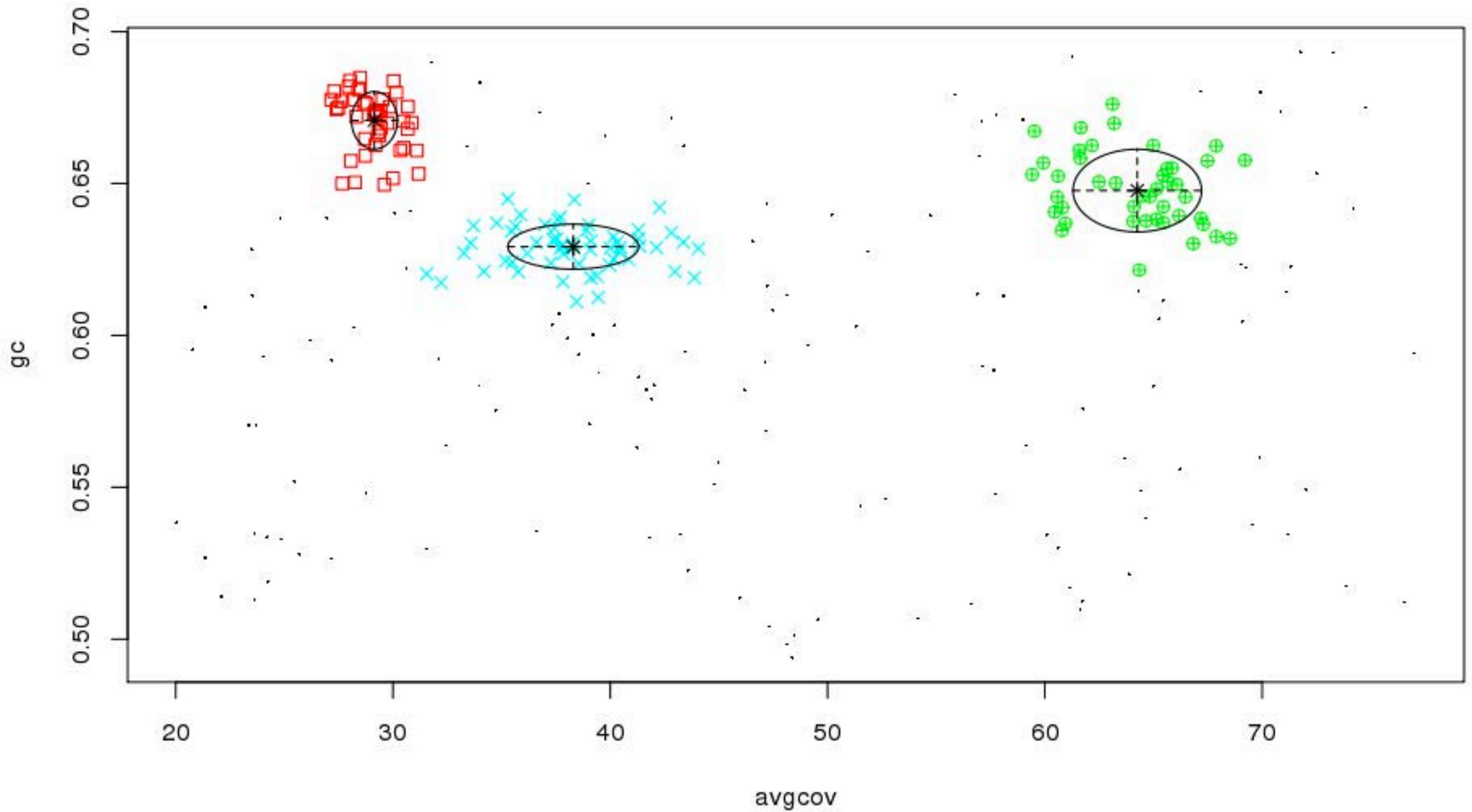


Fig. S11. Model based clustering of *de novo* assembly contigs in GC plus read-depth space. Contigs from Celera WGS *de novo* assembly of all Roche 454 Titanium samples were clustered by GC content and mean read-depth in R using Mclust model based clustering in the presence of Poisson noise (black specks). The space was limited to read-depths < 100. Three clusters were identified for DL31 (green circles), *Hl* (red squares) and the “tADL-related 5th genome” (cyan crosses).

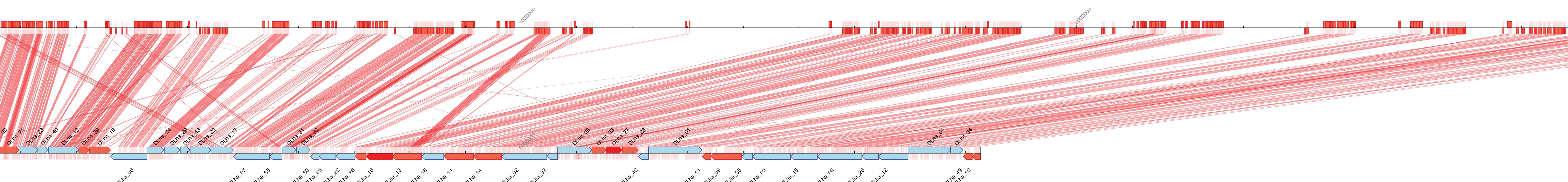


Fig. S12. Synteny plot of “tADL-related 5th genome” mapped to tADL. A synteny plot between the 52 contigs obtained from the *de novo* assembly identified as “tADL-related 5th genome”, and the tADL primary replicon was generated using CONTIGuator. Top line, tADL primary replicon; bottom line, “tADL-related 5th genome”. Overlapping contigs: light red, one side, dark red, both sides, blue, no overlap. Strandedness indicated by contig arrow.

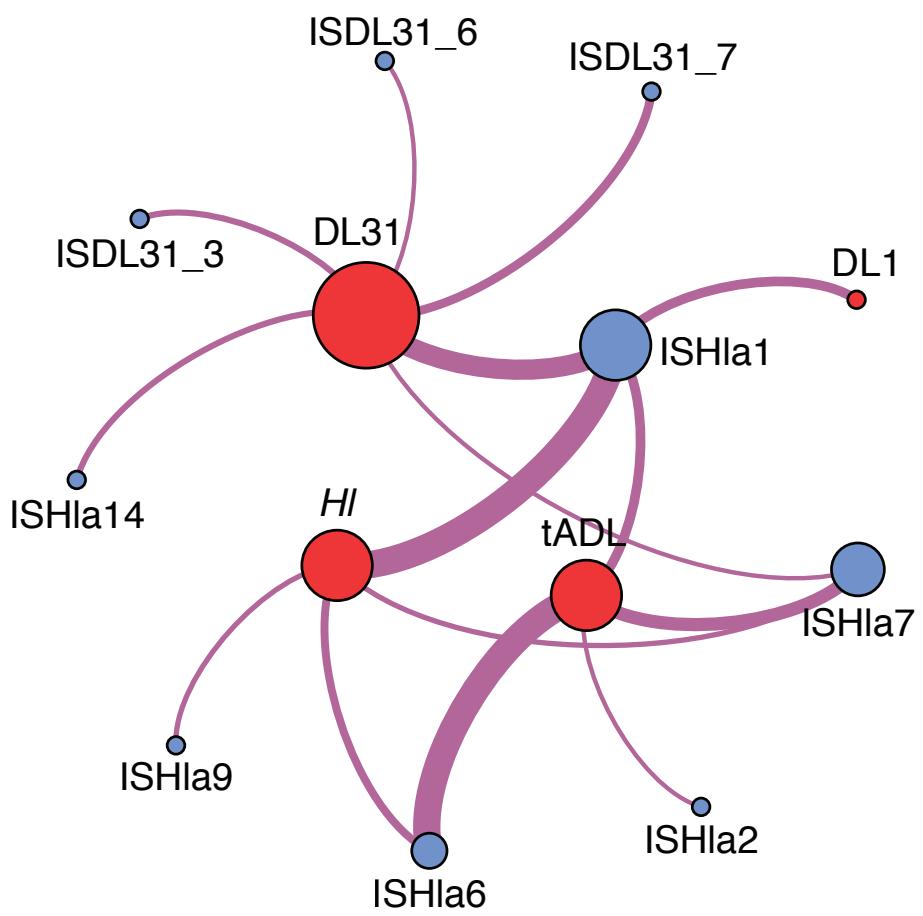


Fig. S13. Association networks for Deep Lake ISs. Bipartite association networks for ISs identified within the four DL haloarchaeal genomes, using Fruchterman-Reingold layout. ISs (blue nodes) and their containing genome (red nodes) where node radius scales linearly with weighted degree, and edge weights are proportional to frequency of IS occurrence.

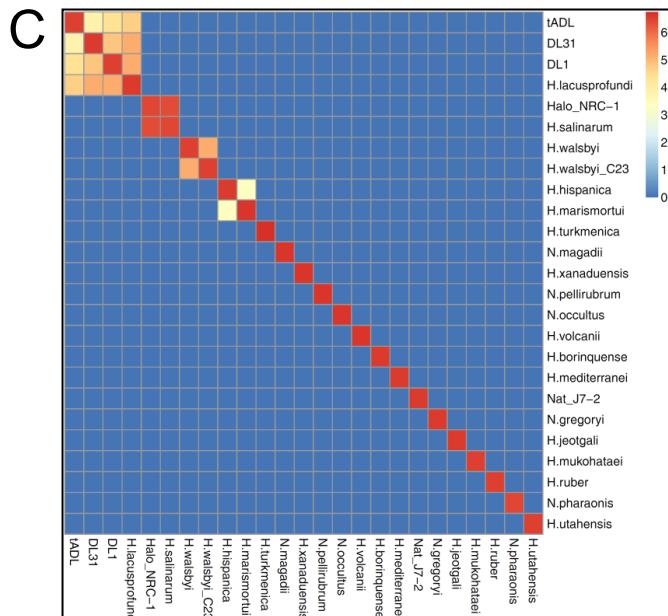
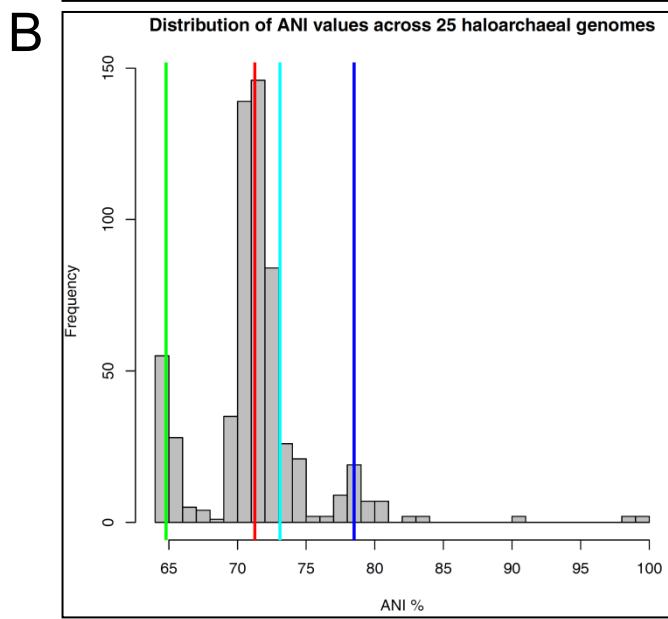
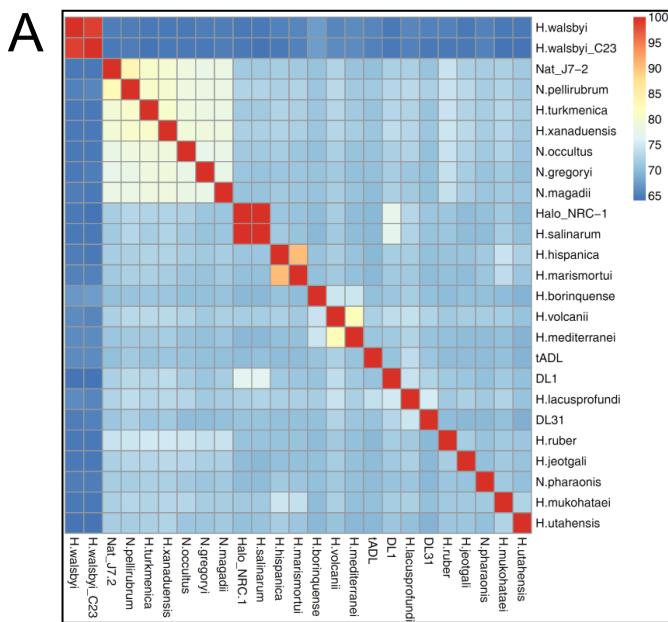


Fig. S14. ANI and HIR analysis of haloarchaeal genomes. Heatmap with rows and columns ordered by minimum variance for ANI (**A**), histogram of the distribution of ANI values (**B**), and heatmap with rows and columns ordered by minimum variance for extent of shared HIR (>99%, >2 kb) (**C**) between 25 completed haloarchaeal genomes. (**B**) median global ANI (red line); median ANI for *Nat_J7-2*, *H.turkmenica*, *H.xanaduensis*, *N.pellirubrum*, *N.occultus*, *N.gregoryi*, *N.magadii* (blue line); median ANI for *H.walsbyi* strains (green line); median ANI for DL haloarchaea, tADL, DL31, *Hl* and DL1 (light blue line).

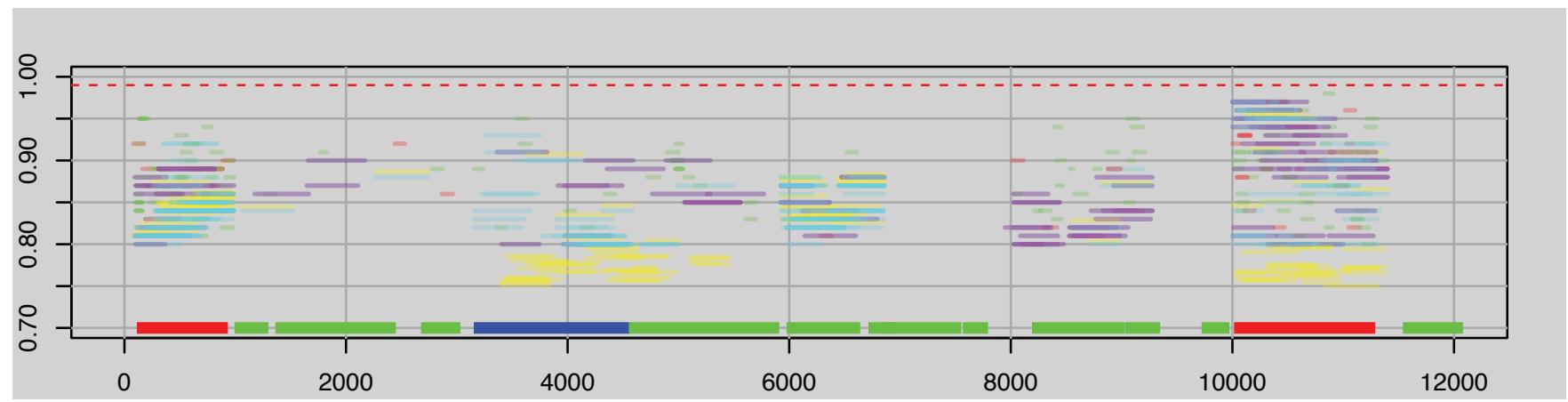


Fig. S15. HIR FR typical of metagenome data with matches from Chula Bay or Santa Pola. FR plot of 758 combined reads above 70% identity, 50% read coverage mapped from 6 high salinity saltern metagenomes to an HIR (13.3 kb, 99.9% identity) shared between DL31:Contig114 (664513..677829) and HI:NC_012028 C (329458..342775). Reads are coloured by metagenome source: Chula Bay SRR023631 (red), SRR027043 (green) and Santa Pola SRR062267 (blue), SRR316684 (yellow), SRR328982 (magenta), SRR328983 (light blue). The red dashed line indicates 99% identity threshold, which no read exceeded and the thick line segments at the bottom represent genes colored by broad annotation categories: transposase (red), hypothetical (green), non-hypothetical (blue). Reads tend to pile up predominately on IS associated genes such as transposases. A bias toward FR in coding regions and away from intergenic regions is also apparent.

Table S1. Metagenome sequencing summary.

Library name	Technology	Depth (m)	Filter size (μm)	Raw reads
HTAA	454 Titanium	5	0.1	1,007,472
HTAF	454 Titanium	13	0.1	1,158,857
HTAC	454 Titanium	24	0.1	1,108,448
HTAB	454 Titanium	24	0.8	1,063,876
GWTB	454 Titanium	24	3.0	931,207
HTSY	454 Titanium	36	pooled	1,363,684
HWGG	454 Titanium	36	pooled	1,423,784
GXFW	Solexa Illumina	24	3.0	45,601,760

Table S2. Genome characteristics of tADL, DL31, *Hl* and DL1.

Name	Year of isolation	Pseudonym in Refseq	Replicon Count ¹	Size (bp)	Genes	16S rRNA genes	Coding genes	GC (%)	Coding bases (%)
tADL	water sample Dec 2006, isolation 2007	halophilic archaeon True-ADL	1	3332022	3520	2	3465	58.9	85.9
<i>Hl</i>	date of water sampling not stated – paper published in 1988	Halorubrum lacusprofundi	3	3692576	3725	3	3665	64	84.5
DL31	water sample Dec 2006, isolation 2009	halophilic archaeon DL31	3	3643158	3788	2	3737	62.4	83.2
DL1	water sample Dec 2006, isolation 2009	Halobacterium sp. DL	2	3162560	3367	1	3317	66.4	88.2

1: Replicons “assembled, autonomous circular genetic elements” were defined during the assembly process.

Table S3. SSU rRNA gene similarity matrix for tADL, DL31, *Hl* and DL1.

Dissimilarity	tADL	DL31	<i>Hl</i>	DL1	Similarity	tADL	DL31	<i>Hl</i>	DL1
tADL	0	0.1535	0.1347	0.171	tADL	1	0.8465	0.8653	0.829
DL31	0.1535	0	0.1559	0.1563	DL31	0.8465	1	0.8441	0.8437
<i>Hl</i>	0.1347	0.1559	0	0.1438	<i>Hl</i>	0.8653	0.8441	1	0.8562
DL1	0.171	0.1563	0.1438	0	DL1	0.829	0.8437	0.8562	1

Table S4. Abundance of taxa calculated from SSU rRNA gene pyrotag sequencing data.

Organism	5 m	13 m	24 m	36 m	Average
tADL	48.62	44.47	47.97	32.87	43.48
DL31	19.29	18.03	15.29	20.01	18.16
Dunaliella chloroplast100	7.00	9.13	11.95	14.46	10.64
<i>Halorubrum lacusprofundi</i>	8.99	10.28	9.82	10.43	9.88
DL29-clone	1.82	1.84	1.93	2.53	2.03
<i>Halospina denitrificans</i>	2.29	2.39	1.28	1.35	1.83
Dunaliella-18S	1.36	1.44	1.57	1.75	1.53
Halobacteriacea_cloneGX3	0.96	0.96	0.84	0.60	0.84
<i>Halomonas subglaciescola</i>	0.84	0.85	0.44	1.15	0.82
Bacteroidetes-Sphingobacteriales-ELB25-178	0.37	0.59	0.31	1.50	0.69
<i>Natronoarchaeum mannanilyticum</i>	0.69	0.74	0.61	0.42	0.62
Gammaproteobacteria_Ectothiorhodospiraceae_cloneSINI729	0.55	0.71	0.42	0.70	0.60
Gammaproteobacteria_Salinisphaera_sp	0.48	0.99	0.52	0.35	0.59
Firmicute-Haloanaerobium_cloneARDBACWH2	0.33	0.84	0.61	0.47	0.56
Dunaliella chloropl 97	0.33	0.38	0.47	0.49	0.42
Firmicute-Haloanaerobium	0.22	0.32	0.31	0.38	0.31
DL1	0.34	0.41	0.29	0.16	0.30
<i>Psychroflexus torquis</i>	0.26	0.24	0.15	0.46	0.28
Firmicute-Haloanaerobacter_lacunarum	0.28	0.42	0.33	0.08	0.28
ADL31_97	0.30	0.24	0.27	0.27	0.27
<i>Other</i>	4.67	4.73	4.61	9.57	5.90

¹ Relative abundance calculated from SSU rRNA gene pyrotag sequencing data of the 20 most abundant operational taxonomic units across all depths in DL.

Table S5. Insertion sequences in tADL, DL31, *Hl* and DL1 identified in the ISsaga database.

IS name	Template ORF	IS Family	IS Group	ISFinder search ²			Frequency ³				
				Closest relative	Identity	Bitscore	tADL	DL1	DL31	<i>Hl</i>	Total
ISHla1	orf00115	ISH3		<i>H.lacus</i> ISHla1	99	2752	11	11	23	31	76
ISHla6	orf00119	IS5		<i>H.lacus</i> ISHla6	100	2119	31	0	1	9	41
ISHla7	orf00143	ISNYC	ISH6	<i>H.salin</i> ISH6	88	1505	15	3	5	6	29
ISDL31_7	orf00149	IS66	ISBst12	<i>H.wals</i> ISHwa10	86	1043	0	2	10	0	12
ISHlac14	orf00153	ISH3		<i>H.salin</i> ISH20A	90	1493	0	1	7	3	11
ISHla2	orf00157	IS5	ISH1	<i>H.lacus</i> ISHla2	100	2365	5	1	1	3	10
ISHla8	orf00207	IS4	ISH8	<i>H.sp</i> NRC-1 ISH8B	92	1901	0	2	4	2	8
ISDL31_3	orf_ISf_6	IS6		<i>H.sp</i> NRC-1 ISH29	82	260	0	0	7	0	7
ISHla9	orf00175	ISH3		<i>H.wals</i> ISHwa13	81	509	0	0	1	6	7
ISDL31_6	orf00668	IS66	ISBst12	<i>H.wals</i> ISHwa10	86	932	0	0	5	0	5
ISDL31_2p	orf00872	-					0	0	4	0	4
ISHlac11	orf00776	IS200/IS605	IS1341	<i>N.phara</i> ISNph17	98	92	1	0	0	3	4
ISHlac15	orf_ISf_5	IS6		<i>N.phara</i> ISNph1	96	50	0	0	1	3	4
ISHlac10	orf00355	IS200/IS605	IS1341	<i>N.phara</i> ISNph18	97	62	0	0	0	3	3
ISDL31_11	orf00661	IS200/IS605		<i>H.sp</i> NRC-1 ISH12	82	149	0	1	0	2	3
ISNph18	orf02643	IS200/IS605	IS1341	<i>N.phara</i> ISNph18	93	50	0	0	3	0	3
ISDL31_9	orf00945	IS5	ISH1	<i>H.utah</i>	91	1211	0	3	0	0	3
ISHla3	orf01135	IS5	ISH1	<i>H.lacus</i> ISHla3	100	1842	0	0	1	2	3
ISDL31_10	orf01662	IS200/IS605		<i>N.phara</i> ISNph5	97	60	0	2	0	0	2
ISHlac12	orf00692	-					0	0	0	1	1
ISHlac13	orf00739	-					0	0	0	1	1
ISDL31_1	orf04615	IS1595	ISH4	<i>H.sp</i> ISH4	86	920	0	0	1	0	1
ISHla4	orf00615	IS5	ISH1	<i>H.lacus</i> ISHla4	100	3576	0	0	0	1	1
ISDL31_5	orf_ISf_1	IS6		<i>H.maris</i> ISH15	86	603	0	0	1	0	1
ISHla5	orf00210	ISH3		<i>H.lacus</i> ISHla5	100	2769	0	0	0	1	1
ISDL31_8_p	orf02573	ISNYC	ISH6	<i>H.salin</i> ISH6	87	1417	0	0	1	0	1

¹ Insertion sequences identified and manually annotated in ISsaga from the four DL genomes. ISs that have been previously identified (red); newly defined ISs given identifying names (IS name) following the advised nomenclature (black).

² ISFinder public database of ISs nearest relative identify is shown if the IS has been previously discovered (>95% similarity).

³ Frequencies within each DL genome and total occurrence across the 4 DL genomes.

Table S6. Fixed SNPs in the genomes of tADL, DL31, HI and DL1. Fixed SNP (frequency > 0.9) for all replicons of the four DL genomes. For coding SNPs, ArCOG functional assignments are included from the containing genes.

Contig115	265011	T	C	C	0.935	T	F	Halar_0979	1	201	0	13	215	gt	Halar_0979	250707888	gi 345004264 ref YP_004807117.1	arCOG02267	3	P		Phosphate/sulphate permease
Contig115	281311	T	C	C	0.92	T	T	Halar_0998	0	287	0	25	312	ct	Halar_0998	250707890	gi 345004282 ref YP_004807135.1	arCOG06322	3	E	COG0506	E Proline dehydrogenase
Contig115	285271	C	T	T	0.964	T	F	Halar_1002	0	9	0	238	247	ac	Halar_1002	250707890	gi 345004286 ref YP_004807139.1	arCOG00349	3	C	COG1141	C Ferredoxin
Contig115	286364	A	G	G	0.903	T	T	Halar_1003	19	0	176	0	195	aa	Halar_1003	250707890	gi 345004287 ref YP_004807140.1	arCOG00872	1	L	COG1111	L ERCC4-like helicase
Contig115	286477	C	T	T	0.911	T	F	Halar_1003	0	14	0	143	157	gc	Halar_1003	250707890	gi 345004287 ref YP_004807140.1	arCOG00872	1	L	COG1111	L ERCC4-like helicase
Contig115	286511	A	G	G	0.974	T	T	Halar_1003	4	0	150	0	154	ca	Halar_1003	250707890	gi 345004287 ref YP_004807140.1	arCOG00872	1	L	COG1111	L ERCC4-like helicase
Contig115	286523	T	C	C	0.954	T	T	Halar_1003	0	165	0	8	173	tt	Halar_1003	250707890	gi 345004287 ref YP_004807140.1	arCOG00872	1	L	COG1111	L ERCC4-like helicase
Contig115	286682	C	A	A	0.941	T	T	Halar_1003	239	15	0	0	254	cc	Halar_1003	250707890	gi 345004287 ref YP_004807140.1	arCOG00872	1	L	COG1111	L ERCC4-like helicase
Contig115	349990	A	G	G	0.952	T	T	Halar_1071	13	0	256	0	269	ca	Halar_1071	250707897	gi 345004349 ref YP_004807202.1	arCOG01301	2	O	COG0492	O Thioredoxin reductase
Contig115	351625	T	G	G	0.982	T	F	Halar_1074	0	0	222	4	226	at	Halar_1074	250707898	gi 345004352 ref YP_004807205.1	arCOG03873	4	S	COG2855	S Predicted membrane protein
Contig115	383034	C	T	T	0.988	T	F	Halar_1102	0	4	0	337	341	cc	Halar_1102	2507079008	gi 345004380 ref YP_004807233.1	arCOG00373	1	L	COG1196	D DNA sulfur modification protein DndA,ATPase
Contig115	474990	A	G	G	1	T	F	Halar_1196	0	0	320	0	320	aa								
Contig115	487055	G	T	T	0.913	T	F	Halar_1209	0	0	17	179	196	ag	Halar_1209	2507079115	gi 345004481 ref YP_004807334.1	arCOG02092	3	E	COG0119	E Isopropylmalate/homocitrate/citramalate synthase
Contig115	560597	A	G	G	0.912	T	T	Halar_1281	22	0	227	0	249	ca	Halar_1281	2507079187	gi 345004548 ref YP_004807401.1	arCOG00184	3	E	COG4608	E ABC-type oligopeptide transport system, ATPase component
Contig115	560728	C	T	T	0.935	T	F	Halar_1281	0	16	0	231	247	gc	Halar_1281	2507079187	gi 345004548 ref YP_004807401.1	arCOG00184	3	E	COG4608	E ABC-type oligopeptide transport system, ATPase component
Contig115	560744	G	A	A	0.939	T	T	Halar_1281	229	0	15	0	244	gg	Halar_1281	2507079187	gi 345004548 ref YP_004807401.1	arCOG00184	3	E	COG4608	E ABC-type oligopeptide transport system, ATPase component
Contig115	667430	G	A	A	0.933	T	F	Halar_1394	277	0	20	0	297	gg	Halar_1394	2507079301	gi 345004658 ref YP_004807511.1	arCOG01808	2	N	COG2064	NU Flp pilus assembly protein TadC
Contig115	746010	A	G	G	0.98	F	F		5	0	246	0	251	ca								
Contig115	821561	T	G	G	0.939	T	T	Halar_1558	0	0	307	20	327	ct	Halar_1558	2507079467	gi 345004810 ref YP_004807663.1	arCOG01722	1	J	COG0099	J Ribosomal protein S13
Contig115	851612	A	G	G	0.906	T	F	Halar_1593	28	0	271	0	299	ga	Halar_1593	2507079504	gi 345004844 ref YP_004807697.1	arCOG01331	2	O	COG0501	O Zn-dependent protease with chaperone function
Contig115	903759	C	T	T	0.923	T	T	Halar_1644	0	27	0	322	349	ac	Halar_1644	2507079555	gi 345004889 ref YP_004807742.1	arCOG08231	4	S		Uncharacterized conserved protein
Contig115	915519	T	C	C	0.987	T	F	Halar_1654	1	311	0	3	315	gt	Halar_1654	2507079566	gi 345004899 ref YP_004807752.1	arCOG10342	4	R		Ferritin-like superfamily protein
Contig115	1029727	G	A	A	0.917	T	T	Halar_1764	165	0	15	0	180	cg	Halar_1764	2507079682	gi 345005001 ref YP_004807854.1	arCOG00134	3	G	COG0477	GEPR Permease of the major facilitator superfamily
Contig115	1030031	A	G	G	0.974	T	F	Halar_1764	6	0	229	0	235	ca	Halar_1764	2507079682	gi 345005001 ref YP_004807854.1	arCOG00134	3	G	COG0477	GEPR Permease of the major facilitator superfamily
Contig115	1030042	G	A	A	0.922	T	T	Halar_1764	200	0	17	0	217	ag	Halar_1764	2507079682	gi 345005001 ref YP_004807854.1	arCOG00134	3	G	COG0477	GEPR Permease of the major facilitator superfamily
Contig115	1030134	C	T	T	0.941	T	F	Halar_1765	0	11	0	176	187	ac	Halar_1765	2507079683	gi 345005002 ref YP_004807855.1	arCOG04458	4	R	COG2457	S Uncharacterized protein of DIM6/NTAB family
Contig115	1030207	C	T	T	0.941	T	F	Halar_1765	0	16	0	254	270	tc	Halar_1765	2507079683	gi 345005002 ref YP_004807855.1	arCOG04458	4	R	COG2457	S Uncharacterized protein of DIM6/NTAB family
Contig115	1030376	T	C	C	0.93	T	T	Halar_1765	1	199	0	14	214	ct	Halar_1765	2507079683	gi 345005002 ref YP_004807855.1	arCOG04458	4	R	COG2457	S Uncharacterized protein of DIM6/NTAB family
Contig115	1030385	A	G	G	0.934	T	T	Halar_1765	15	0	211	0	226	ga	Halar_1765	2507079683	gi 345005002 ref YP_004807855.1	arCOG04458	4	R	COG2457	S Uncharacterized protein of DIM6/NTAB family
Contig115	1090205	C	T	T	0.973	T	F	Halar_1826	0	7	0	249	256	gc	Halar_1826	2507079744	gi 345005056 ref YP_004807909.1	arCOG01173	2	T		RecA-superfamily ATPase implicated in signal transduction
Contig115	1102418	A	G	G	1	T	F	Halar_1840	0	0	303	0	303	ca	Halar_1840	2507079759	gi 345005070 ref YP_004807923.1	arCOG00998	1	K	COG1958	K Small nuclear ribonucleoprotein(snRNP) homolog
Contig115	1128855	A	G	G	1	F	F		0	0	179	0	179	ca								
Contig115	1187430	G	C	C	0.908	T	T	Halar_1927	0	148	15	0	163	cg	Halar_1927	2507079848	gi 345005153 ref YP_004808006.1	arCOG00777	3	Q	COG2050	Q HGG motif-containing thioesterase, possibly involved in aromatic compounds catabolism
Contig115	1187610	C	T	T	0.921	T	T	Halar_1927	0	21	0	245	266	gc	Halar_1927	2507079848	gi 345005153 ref YP_004808006.1	arCOG00777	3	Q	COG2050	Q HGG motif-containing thioesterase, possibly involved in aromatic compounds catabolism
Contig115	1188892	T	C	C	0.911	T	T	Halar_1929	0	185	0	18	203	tt	Halar_1929	2507079850	gi 345005155 ref YP_004808008.1	arCOG01941	3	H	COG0095	H Lipoate-protein ligase A
Contig115	1229577	T	G	G	1	T	F	Halar_1978	0	0	238	0	238	tt	Halar_1978	2507079900	gi 345005197 ref YP_004808050.1	arCOG06166	1	K		Transcriptional regulator, ArsR family
Contig115	1301302	T	C	C	0.907	T	T	Halar_2054	0	253	0	26	279	tt	Halar_2054	2507079977	gi 345005266 ref YP_004808119.1	arCOG02267	3	P	COG0306	P Phosphate/sulphate permease
Contig115	1320817	C	T	T	0.903	F	F		0	21	0	195	216	gc								
Contig115	1344751	G	A	A	0.911	T	F	Halar_2103	265	0	26	0	291	cg	Halar_2103	2507080027	gi 345005306 ref YP_004808159.1	arCOG04302	1	J	COG0008	J Glutamyl- or glutaminyl-tRNA synthetase
Contig115	1345183	G	A	A	0.948	T	F	Halar_2103	272	0	15	0	287	ag	Halar_2103	2507080027	gi 345005306 ref YP_004808159.1	arCOG04302	1	J	COG0008	J Glutamyl- or glutaminyl-tRNA

																					containing Zn-ribbon domain and OB-fold domain	
Contig115	2286191	A	G	G	0.986	T	T	Halar_3078	3	0	280	1	284	ca	Halar_3078	2507081018gi 345006223 ref YP_004809076.1	arCOG04351	4	S	COG3356	S	Predicted membrane protein
Contig115	2313706	T	C	C	0.974	T	F	Halar_3108	0	301	0	8	309	ct	Halar_3108	2507081049gi 345006249 ref YP_004809102.1	arCOG04623	4	R	COG3380	R	Predicted NAD/FAD-dependent oxidoreductase
Contig115	2403615	C	T	T	0.902	F	F		0	16	0	147	163	cc								
Contig115	2419491	A	G	G	0.906	T	F	Halar_3211	21	0	202	0	223	ca	Halar_3211	2507081153gi 345006345 ref YP_004809198.1	arCOG00219	3	P	COG0725	P	ABC-type molybdate transport system, periplasmic component
Contig115	2426544	C	T	T	0.968	T	T	Halar_3217	0	9	0	269	278	gc	Halar_3217	2507081159gi 345006351 ref YP_004809204.1	arCOG01646	3	E			Dipeptidyl aminopeptidase/acylaminooacyl-peptidase
Contig115	2426744	T	C	C	0.944	T	F	Halar_3217	0	238	1	13	252	ct	Halar_3217	2507081159gi 345006351 ref YP_004809204.1	arCOG01646	3	E			Dipeptidyl aminopeptidase/acylaminooacyl-peptidase
Contig115	2453957	G	A	A	0.928	T	F	Halar_3242	258	0	20	0	278	gg	Halar_3242	2507081184gi 345006375 ref YP_004809228.1	arCOG02327	2	T	COG0642	T	Signal transduction histidine kinase, contains PAS domain
Contig115	2455355	T	C	C	0.935	T	F	Halar_3244	0	172	0	12	184	ct	Halar_3244	2507081186gi 345006377 ref YP_004809230.1	arCOG01641	4	R			Predicted RNA-binding protein, contains TRAM domain
Contig115	2455395	G	A	A	0.923	T	T	Halar_3244	169	0	14	0	183	cg	Halar_3244	2507081186gi 345006377 ref YP_004809230.1	arCOG01641	4	R			Predicted RNA-binding protein, contains TRAM domain
Contig115	2543197	T	C	C	0.994	T	F	Halar_3343	0	175	0	1	176	at	Halar_3343	2507081286gi 345006470 ref YP_004809323.1	arCOG10816	4	S	COG5476	S	Uncharacterized conserved protein
Contig115	2553021	C	T	T	0.931	F	F		0	26	0	352	378	cc								
Contig115	2584894	A	G	G	0.951	T	F	Halar_3384	12	0	233	0	245	ga	Halar_3384	2507081330gi 345006509 ref YP_004809362.1	arCOG02998	4	S	COG1917	S	Uncharacterized conserved protein, contains double-stranded beta-helix domain
Contig115	2592586	C	G	G	0.996	T	F	Halar_3393	1	0	259	0	260	gc	Halar_3393	2507081339gi 345006516 ref YP_004809369.1	arCOG02333	2	T			Signal transduction histidine kinase, contains REC and PAS domains
Contig115	2638830	A	C	C	1	T	T	Halar_3436	0	266	0	0	266	ca	Halar_3436	2507081382gi 345006554 ref YP_004809407.1	arCOG01534	3	E			ABC-type transport system, periplasmic component
Contig115	2701888	A	G	G	0.945	T	T	Halar_3506	11	1	205	0	217	ca	Halar_3506	2507081456gi 345006620 ref YP_004809473.1	arCOG01622	4	R			Predicted dehydrogenase
Contig115	2822442	C	T	T	0.953	T	F	Halar_3644	0	13	0	263	276	tc	Halar_3644	2507081595gi 345006743 ref YP_004809596.1	arCOG02847	2	O	COG2214	O	DnaJ-class molecular chaperone
Contig115	2858828	C	G	G	0.912	T	T	Halar_3682	0	20	208	0	228	ac	Halar_3682	2507081633gi 345006777 ref YP_004809630.1	arCOG04799	4	S			Uncharacterized conserved protein
Contig115	2882202	T	C	C	0.927	F	F		0	268	0	21	289	ct								
Contig32	27	T	C	C	0.996	F	F		0	245	1	0	246	ct								
Contig32	130042	A	G	G	1	T	T	haltADL_0138	0	0	354	0	354	ga	haltADL_0138	2507074525gi 336252565 ref YP_004595672.1	arCOG02369	2	T			Signal transduction histidine kinase
Contig32	147274	C	G	G	0.972	F	F		0	9	310	0	319	gc								
Contig32	197582	T	C	C	1	T	F	haltADL_0206	0	179	0	0	179	ct								
Contig32	198183	G	A	A	1	T	T	haltADL_0206	210	0	0	0	210	gg								
Contig32	198430	T	C	C	1	T	F	haltADL_0206	0	201	0	0	201	gt								
Contig32	201265	T	C	C	1	T	F	haltADL_0210	0	42	0	0	42	tt								
Contig32	204178	T	C	C	0.955	F	F		0	21	0	1	22	at								
Contig32	221598	A	C	C	0.9	T	F	haltADL_0233	52	470	0	0	522	ca	haltADL_0233	2507074620gi 336252969 ref YP_004596076.1	arCOG03286	3	G	COG3387	G	Glycosyl hydrolase family 15
Contig32	267903	G	C	C	0.962	T	F	haltADL_0283	0	641	25	0	666	cg	haltADL_0283	2507074670gi 336253800 ref YP_004596907.1	arCOG03256	4	S			Uncharacterized conserved secreted protein, contains OB-fold domain
Contig32	269802	T	G	G	0.912	T	F	haltADL_0283	0	0	529	51	580	gt	haltADL_0283	2507074670gi 336253800 ref YP_004596907.1	arCOG03256	4	S			Uncharacterized conserved secreted protein, contains OB-fold domain
Contig32	333660	T	C	C	0.913	T	F	haltADL_0352	0	462	0	44	506	tt	haltADL_0352	2507074743gi 76802142 ref YP_327150.1	arCOG00005	1	K	COG1695	K	Predicted transcriptional regulator, PadR family
Contig32	346804	T	C	C	0.909	T	F	haltADL_0367	0	472	0	47	519	ct	haltADL_0367	2507074758gi 284161738 ref YP_003400361.1	arCOG02838	2	T			FIST_N domain containing protein
Contig32	379199	C	G	G	1	T	F	haltADL_0393	0	0	492	0	492	gc	haltADL_0393	2507074784gi 76802448 ref YP_327456.1	arCOG06337	2	M	COG4948	MR	L-alanine-DL-glutamate epimerase or related enzyme of enolase superfamily
Contig32	421686	T	G	G	0.998	T	T	haltADL_0433	0	0	468	1	469	gt	haltADL_0433	2507074824gi 336252121 ref YP_004595228.1	arCOG02327	2	T	COG0642	T	Signal transduction histidine kinase, contains PAS domain
Contig32	443214	T	C	C	0.998	T	F	haltADL_0453	1	469	0	0	470	gt								
Contig32	468733	A	G	G	1	T	F	haltADL_0482	0	0	631	0	631	ta	haltADL_0482	2507074874gi 284164660 ref YP_003402939.1	arCOG06227	4	S			Uncharacterized conserved protein
Contig32	726848	A	G	G	0.997	F	F		2	0	598	0	600	ta								
Contig32	728342	T	C	C	0.94	F	F		0	375	0	24	399	tt								
Contig32	729183	A	G	G	0.933	F	F		33	0	462	0	495	ta								
Contig32	729274	T	A	A	0.915	F	F		476	0	1	43	520	ct								
Contig32	762917	A	G	G	1	F	F		0	0	462	0	462	ca								

Contig32	1299011	A	G	G	0.998	T	F	halTADL_1348	1	0	614	0	615	ta	halTADL_1348	2507075754gi 257053041 ref YP_003130874.1	arCOG04064	2	M		Predicted membrane-associated Zn-dependent protease	
Contig32	1345405	A	G	G	1	F	F			0	0	99	0	99	ta							
Contig32	1374401	A	G	G	0.912	T	F	halTADL_1422	13	0	134	0	147	ca	halTADL_1422	2507075828gi 345006615 ref YP_004809468.1	arCOG03560	4	S		Uncharacterized conserved protein	
Contig32	1467380	G	A	A	0.901	T	T	halTADL_1514	154	0	17	0	171	gg	halTADL_1514	2507075920gi 313117376 ref YP_004044359.1	arCOG05365	3	I		Oligosaccharyl transferase STT3 subunit related protein	
Contig32	1532733	G	A	A	0.902	T	T	halTADL_1590	632	1	68	0	701	ag	halTADL_1590	2507075996gi 345133542 ref YP_004821333.1	arCOG07786	1	K		Predicted Helicase fused to HTH domain	
Contig32	1572162	A	G	G	0.998	T	F	halTADL_1627	1	0	564	0	565	ca	halTADL_1627	2507076034gi 257386351 ref YP_003176124.1	arCOG02320	2	N		Methyl-accepting chemotaxis protein	
Contig32	1580276	T	C	C	0.998	T	T	halTADL_1636	0	521	0	1	522	tt	halTADL_1636	2507076043gi 292654994 ref YP_003534891.1	arCOG01226	3	E	COG1703	E	Putative periplasmic protein kinase ArgK or related GTPase of G3E family
Contig32	1581133	A	G	G	1	T	T	halTADL_1638	0	0	517	0	517	aa	halTADL_1638	2507076045gi 289580799 ref YP_003479265.1	arCOG01134	3	E	COG0436	E	Aspartate/tyrosine/aromatic aminotransferase
Contig32	1593404	T	C	C	1	T	F	halTADL_1654	0	518	0	0	518	at	halTADL_1654	2507076061gi 292654901 ref YP_003534798.1	arCOG06212	4	S		Uncharacterized conserved protein	
Contig32	1621702	A	G	G	0.996	T	F	halTADL_1680	1	0	227	0	228	ta	halTADL_1680	2507076087gi 292494093 ref YP_003533236.1	arCOG03902	1	L		Transposase	
Contig32	1649558	C	T	T	0.998	F	F			1	0	0	512	513	cc							
Contig32	1654847	C	G	G	0.996	F	F			0	2	452	0	454	cc							
Contig32	1674277	T	C	C	0.998	T	T	halTADL_1742	0	434	1	0	435	tt	halTADL_1742	2507076150gi 55379271 ref YP_137121.1	arCOG00067	3	F	COG0462	FE	Phosphoribosylpyrophosphate synthetase
Contig32	1678908	T	C	C	1	T	F	halTADL_1748	0	429	0	0	429	ct	halTADL_1748	2507076156gi 313124906 ref YP_004035170.1	arCOG00041	4	R	COG1926	R	Predicted phosphoribosyltransferase
Contig32	1769210	A	G	G	0.995	T	F	halTADL_1838	2	1	575	0	578	ta	halTADL_1838	2507076246gi 222480670 ref YP_002566907.1	arCOG02395	2	N	COG0835	NT	Chemotaxis signal transduction protein
Contig32	1769934	T	C	C	1	F	F			0	603	0	0	603	ct							
Contig32	1770705	A	G	G	1	F	F			0	0	406	0	406	ca							
Contig32	1939040	T	C	C	1	T	F	halTADL_2014	0	98	0	0	98	gt	halTADL_2014	2507076424gi 336251627 ref YP_004598858.1	arCOG09003	4	S			Uncharacterized conserved protein
Contig32	2048957	A	G	G	0.981	T	T	halTADL_2141	9	0	472	0	481	ca	halTADL_2141	2507076551gi 257052607 ref YP_003130440.1	arCOG00266	4	R			Sulfite oxidase or related enzyme
Contig32	2049131	C	T	T	0.99	T	T	halTADL_2141	0	5	0	515	520	tc	halTADL_2141	2507076551gi 257052607 ref YP_003130440.1	arCOG00266	4	R			Sulfite oxidase or related enzyme
Contig32	2058128	T	C	C	0.96	T	T	halTADL_2151	0	499	0	21	520	ct	halTADL_2151	2507076561gi 55378844 ref YP_136694.1	arCOG00318	3	P	COG0704	P	Phosphate uptake regulator
Contig32	2062298	T	C	C	0.944	T	F	halTADL_2155	1	286	0	16	303	tt	halTADL_2155	2507076565gi 313125578 ref YP_004035842.1	arCOG00213	3	P	COG0226	P	ABC-type phosphate transport system, periplasmic component
Contig32	2063372	A	G	G	0.947	F	F			29	0	517	0	546	ca							
Contig32	2076214	T	C	C	0.998	T	T	halTADL_2168	0	456	0	1	457	ct	halTADL_2168	2507076578gi 222480481 ref YP_002566718.1	arCOG01701	1	J			tRNA splicing endonuclease
Contig32	2165082	T	C	C	1	T	T	halTADL_2249	0	485	0	0	485	at	halTADL_2249	2507076666gi 110667688 ref YP_657499.1	arCOG00024	3	C	COG0554	C	Glycerol kinase
Contig32	2165893	A	C	C	0.945	T	F	halTADL_2249	26	445	0	0	471	ga	halTADL_2249	2507076666gi 110667688 ref YP_657499.1	arCOG00024	3	C	COG0554	C	Glycerol kinase
Contig32	2166321	A	G	G	0.988	T	F	halTADL_2250	5	0	505	1	511	ga	halTADL_2250	2507076666gi 300711496 ref YP_003737310.1	arCOG04584	4	S			Uncharacterized conserved protein
Contig32	2188888	A	G	G	1	T	F	halTADL_2275	0	0	130	0	130	ca	halTADL_2275	2507076692gi 345005189 ref YP_004808042.1	arCOG01743	1	J	COG1503	J	Peptide chain release factor 1 (eRF1)
Contig32	2208047	A	G	G	0.908	T	F	halTADL_2296	49	0	495	1	545	ga	halTADL_2296	2507076713gi 292656745 ref YP_003536642.1	arCOG04783	3	P	COG0569	P	TrkA, K+ transport system, NAD-binding component
Contig32	2223689	A	G	G	0.969	T	T	halTADL_2309	13	1	462	1	477	ga	halTADL_2309	2507076726gi 313127513 ref YP_004037783.1	arCOG00757	3	E	COG0404	E	Glycine cleavage system T protein (aminomethyltransferase)
Contig32	2263765	G	C	C	0.933	T	T	halTADL_2352	0	56	4	0	60	gg	halTADL_2352	2507076770gi 76801912 ref YP_326920.1	arCOG02814	3	Q	COG2124	Q	Cytochrome P450
Contig32	2295886	T	G	G	1	F	F			0	0	77	0	77	at							
Contig32	2295897	T	G	G	0.909	F	F			0	0	70	7	77	tt							
Contig32	2296794	C	G	G	1	T	F	halTADL_2389	0	0	197	0	197	cc								
Contig32	2320353	T	C	C	0.923	T	F	halTADL_2408	0	36	0	3	39	at	halTADL_2408	2507076826gi 344210289 ref YP_004786465.1	arCOG01403	2	M			Glycosyltransferase
Contig32	2328402	A	G	G	1	T	F	halTADL_2415	0	0	264	0	264	ta	halTADL_2415	2507076833gi 344211125 ref YP_004795445.1	arCOG00546	1	J	COG0595	R	mRNA degradation ribonuclease J1/J2 (metallo-beta-lactamase superfamily)
Contig32	2332265	T	A	A	0.909	T	F	halTADL_2418	579	0	0	58	637	gt	halTADL_2418	2507076836gi 222480519 ref YP_002566756.1	arCOG00982	3	C	COG0371	C	Glycerol dehydrogenase or related enzyme
Contig32	2350562	T	C	C	0.917	T	T	halTADL_2434	0	319	0	29	348	tt	halTADL_2434	2507076852gi 336254250 ref YP_004597357.1	arCOG01308	2	O			ATPase of the AAA+ class, CDC48 family
Contig32	2351003	A	G	G	0.914	T	T	halTADL_2434	31	0	331	0	362	aa	halTADL_2434	2507076852gi 336254250 ref YP_004597357.1	arCOG01308	2	O			ATPase of the AAA+ class, CDC48 family
Contig32	2351597	C	T	T	0.907	T	T	halTADL_2434	0	31	0	304	335	tc	halTADL_2434	2507076852gi 336254250 ref YP_004597357.1	arCOG01308	2	O			ATPase of the AAA+ class, CDC48 family
Contig32	2351603	G	A	A	0.918	T	T	halTADL_2434	312	0	28	0	340	ag	halTADL_2434	2507076852gi 336254250 ref YP_004597357.1	arCOG01308	2	O			ATPase of the AAA+ class, CDC48 family
Contig32	2352542	T	C	C	0.952	T	F	halTADL_2435	0	315	0	16	331	tt	halTADL_2435	2507076853gi 222479025 ref YP_002565262.1	arCOG00800	1	L	COG1468	L	RecB family exonuclease
Contig32	2352609	T	C	C	0.93	T	T	halTADL_2435	0	387	1	28	416	ct	halTADL_2435	2507076853gi 222479025 ref YP_002565262.1	arCOG00800	1	L	COG1468	L	RecB family exonuclease

HalDL1_Contig37	3828	C	A	A	0.987	T	F	HalDL1_3056	153	2	0	0	155	gc	HalDL1_3056	250705719gi 345007177 ref YP_004810029.1	arCOG07742	4	S		Uncharacterized conserved protein	
HalDL1_Contig37	13562	C	G	G	0.977	T	F	HalDL1_3064	0	4	171	0	175	cc	HalDL1_3064	2507057205gi 257052527 ref YP_003130360.1	arCOG01445	2	V	COG1203	CRISPR-associated helicase Cas3	
HalDL1_Contig37	20982	G	A	A	0.953	T	T	HalDL1_3068	81	0	4	0	85	ag	HalDL1_3068	2507057209gi 345007408 ref YP_004810260.1	arCOG06564	4	S		Uncharacterized conserved protein	
HalDL1_Contig37	20985	T	C	C	0.976	T	T	HalDL1_3068	0	81	0	2	83	tt	HalDL1_3068	2507057209gi 345007408 ref YP_004810260.1	arCOG06564	4	S		Uncharacterized conserved protein	
HalDL1_Contig37	128178	C	T	T	0.924	T	T	HalDL1_3179	0	11	0	134	145	ac	HalDL1_3179	2507057320gi 292653597 ref YP_003533493.1	arCOG08895	4	S		Uncharacterized conserved protein	
HalDL1_Contig37	168583	A	G	G	0.98	T	T	HalDL1_3225	2	0	98	0	100	ta	HalDL1_3225	2507057366gi 292656395 ref YP_003536292.1	arCOG01764	1	K	COG2101	K	TATA-box binding protein (TBP), component of TFIID and TFIIIB
HalDL1_Contig37	168613	G	A	A	0.996	T	T	HalDL1_3225	222	0	1	0	223	cg	HalDL1_3225	2507057366gi 292656395 ref YP_003536292.1	arCOG01764	1	K	COG2101	K	TATA-box binding protein (TBP), component of TFIID and TFIIIB
HalDL1_Contig37	168661	A	G	G	0.988	T	T	HalDL1_3225	2	0	246	1	249	ca	HalDL1_3225	2507057366gi 292656395 ref YP_003536292.1	arCOG01764	1	K	COG2101	K	TATA-box binding protein (TBP), component of TFIID and TFIIIB
HalDL1_Contig37	168724	T	C	C	0.971	T	T	HalDL1_3225	0	66	0	2	68	at	HalDL1_3225	2507057366gi 292656395 ref YP_003536292.1	arCOG01764	1	K	COG2101	K	TATA-box binding protein (TBP), component of TFIID and TFIIIB
HalDL1_Contig37	168737	C	T	T	0.933	T	F	HalDL1_3225	0	1	0	14	15	gc	HalDL1_3225	2507057366gi 292656395 ref YP_003536292.1	arCOG01764	1	K	COG2101	K	TATA-box binding protein (TBP), component of TFIID and TFIIIB
HalDL1_Contig37	169962	A	G	G	0.966	T	T	HalDL1_3227	2	0	57	0	59	ga	HalDL1_3227	2507057368gi 298674426 ref YP_003726176.1	arCOG00879	2	V	COG0610	V	Type I site-specific restriction modification system, R (restriction) subunit or related helicase
HalDL1_Contig37	169975	T	C	C	0.987	T	F	HalDL1_3227	0	76	0	1	77	ct	HalDL1_3227	2507057368gi 298674426 ref YP_003726176.1	arCOG00879	2	V	COG0610	V	Type I site-specific restriction modification system, R (restriction) subunit or related helicase
HalDL1_Contig37	170328	A	T	T	0.966	T	T	HalDL1_3227	4	0	0	112	116	aa	HalDL1_3227	2507057368gi 298674426 ref YP_003726176.1	arCOG00879	2	V	COG0610	V	Type I site-specific restriction modification system, R (restriction) subunit or related helicase
HalDL1_Contig37	170370	A	G	G	0.973	T	T	HalDL1_3227	5	0	179	0	184	ca	HalDL1_3227	2507057368gi 298674426 ref YP_003726176.1	arCOG00879	2	V	COG0610	V	Type I site-specific restriction modification system, R (restriction) subunit or related helicase
HalDL1_Contig37	170493	T	C	C	0.977	T	T	HalDL1_3227	1	128	0	2	131	tt	HalDL1_3227	2507057368gi 298674426 ref YP_003726176.1	arCOG00879	2	V	COG0610	V	Type I site-specific restriction modification system, R (restriction) subunit or related helicase
HalDL1_Contig37	170514	G	A	A	0.988	T	T	HalDL1_3227	169	0	2	0	171	cg	HalDL1_3227	2507057368gi 298674426 ref YP_003726176.1	arCOG00879	2	V	COG0610	V	Type I site-specific restriction modification system, R (restriction) subunit or related helicase
HalDL1_Contig37	170577	A	G	G	0.984	T	T	HalDL1_3227	3	0	180	0	183	ca	HalDL1_3227	2507057368gi 298674426 ref YP_003726176.1	arCOG00879	2	V	COG0610	V	Type I site-specific restriction modification system, R (restriction) subunit or related helicase
HalDL1_Contig37	170619	G	C	C	0.937	T	T	HalDL1_3227	0	59	4	0	63	cg	HalDL1_3227	2507057368gi 298674426 ref YP_003726176.1	arCOG00879	2	V	COG0610	V	Type I site-specific restriction modification system, R (restriction) subunit or related helicase
HalDL1_Contig37	171114	G	R	A	0.907	T	T	HalDL1_3227	39	0	4	0	43	gg	HalDL1_3227	2507057368gi 298674426 ref YP_003726176.1	arCOG00879	2	V	COG0610	V	Type I site-specific restriction modification system, R (restriction) subunit or related helicase
HalDL1_Contig37	171132	A	G	G	0.975	T	T	HalDL1_3227	2	0	79	0	81	ca	HalDL1_3227	2507057368gi 298674426 ref YP_003726176.1	arCOG00879	2	V	COG0610	V	Type I site-specific restriction modification system, R (restriction) subunit or related helicase
HalDL1_Contig37	171273	A	G	G	0.984	T	T	HalDL1_3227	1	0	63	0	64	ga	HalDL1_3227	2507057368gi 298674426 ref YP_003726176.1	arCOG00879	2	V	COG0610	V	Type I site-specific restriction modification system, R (restriction) subunit or related helicase
HalDL1_Contig37	171300	C	T	T	0.955	T	T	HalDL1_3227	0	2	0	42	44	gc	HalDL1_3227	2507057368gi 298674426 ref YP_003726176.1	arCOG00879	2	V	COG0610	V	Type I site-specific restriction modification system, R (restriction) subunit or related helicase
HalDL1_Contig37	174803	A	G	G	0.965	T	T	HalDL1_3229	5	0	137	0	142	ga	HalDL1_3229	2507057370gi 298674424 ref YP_003726174.1	arCOG05282	2	V			Type I restriction-modification system methyltransferase

Table S7. Fixed SNPs in tADL assigned to arCOGs.

Count	Functional category	Functional description	Class	Class description
17	R	General function prediction only	4	POORLY CHARACTERIZED
11	C	Energy production and conversion	3	METABOLISM
9	L	Replication; recombination and repair	1	INFORMATION STORAGE AND PROCESSING
8	J	Translation; ribosomal structure and biogenesis	1	INFORMATION STORAGE AND PROCESSING
6	E	Amino acid transport and metabolism	3	METABOLISM
6	G	Carbohydrate transport and metabolism	3	METABOLISM
6	P	Inorganic ion transport and metabolism	3	METABOLISM
5	S	Function unknown	4	POORLY CHARACTERIZED
5	T	Signal transduction mechanisms	2	CELLULAR PROCESSES AND SIGNALING
4	M	Cell wall/membrane/envelope biogenesis	2	CELLULAR PROCESSES AND SIGNALING
4	O	Posttranslational modification; protein turnover; chaperones	2	CELLULAR PROCESSES AND SIGNALING
3	F	Nucleotide transport and metabolism	3	METABOLISM
3	K	Transcription	1	INFORMATION STORAGE AND PROCESSING
2	N	Cell motility	2	CELLULAR PROCESSES AND SIGNALING
1	D	Cell cycle control; cell division; chromosome partitioning	2	CELLULAR PROCESSES AND SIGNALING
1	Q	Secondary metabolites biosynthesis; transport and catabolism	3	METABOLISM

Table S8. Similarity matrices for the primary replicons of tADL, DL31, *Hl* and DL1, and the “tADL-related 5th genome”¹.

TUD	5th_genome	DL1:Contig38	DL31:Contig115	Hl:NC_012029	tADL:Contig32
5th_genome	1				
DL1:Contig38	0.801	1			
DL31:Contig115	0.836	0.945	1		
Hl:NC_012029	0.862	0.834	0.777	1	
tADL:Contig32	0.959	0.779	0.858	0.785	1
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ANIB	5th_genome	DL1:Contig38	DL31:Contig115	Hl:NC_012029	tADL:Contig32
5th_genome	1				
DL1:Contig38	0.697	1			
DL31:Contig115	0.699	0.715	1		
Hl:NC_012029	0.716	0.727	0.723	1	
tADL:Contig32	0.802	0.710	0.720	0.734	1

¹ Similarity matrices for BLASTN average nucleotide identity (ANIB) and tetranucleotide usage deviation (TUD) regression coefficients as determined by JSpecies for DL primary replicons. The 52 contigs attributed to “tADL-related 5th genome” are also included. For both metrics the tADL and “tADL-related 5th genome” are the most similar.

Table S9. Haloarchaeal genomes used for ANI and HIR analyses.

Short name	Long name
DL1	Halobacterium sp. DL1
DL31	halophilic archaeon DL31
tADL	halophilic archaeon True- ADL
H.lacusprofundi	Halorubrum lacusprofundi ATCC 49239
H.borinquense	Halogeometricum borinquense PR3, DSM 11551
H.hispanica	Haloarcula hispanica CGMCC 1.2049
H.jeotgali	Halalkalicoccus jeotgali B3, DSM 18796
H.marismortui	Haloarcula marismortui ATCC 43049
H.mediterranei	Haloferax mediterranei R-4, ATCC 33500
H.mukohataei	Halomicrobium mukohataei arg-2, DSM 12286
H.ruber	Halovivax ruber XH-70, DSM 18193
H.salinarum	Halobacterium salinarum R1, DSM 671
H.turkmenica	Haloterrigena turkmenica VKM B-1734, DSM 5511
H.utahensis	Halorhabdus utahensis AX-2, DSM 12940
H.volcanii	Haloferax volcanii DS2, ATCC 29605
H.walsbyi	Haloquadratum walsbyi HBSQ001, DSM 16790
H.walsbyi_C23	Haloquadratum walsbyi C23, DSM 16854
H.xanaduensis	Halopiger xanaduensis SH-6
Halo_NRC-1	Halobacterium sp. NRC-1
N.gregoryi	Natronobacterium gregoryi SP2, DSM 3393
N.magadii	Natrialba magadii ATCC 43099
N.occultus	Natronococcus occultus SP4, DSM 3396
N.pellirubrum	Natrinema pellirubrum 157, JCM 10476
N.pharaonis	Natronomonas pharaonis Gabara, DSM 2160
Nat_J7-2	Natrinema sp. J7-2

Table S10. Total length of HIR (bp) shared between the four DL genomes.

	tADL	DL31	<i>Hl</i>
DL31	6561		
<i>Hl</i>	47829	138307	
DL1	22569	68558	132560

Table S11. PCR primers used to amplify HIR.

Taxon + Shared region	Primer sequence
HalDL1_Contig37 20871..25836	ATAGACCTACACGAGAACACGACCAAG
HalDL1_Contig37 20871..25836	ACGCCCTACGAGACAGTGAGACAG
HalDL1_Contig37 20871..25836	GCCTGCTGCTTGCGAGGGAGTTC
HalDL1_Contig37 20871..25836	CGTGAGACGGTGCGAGGGTATG
HalDL1_Contig37 40156..44084	CCCCGATAGTAGTAATCAGAGGC
HalDL1_Contig37 40156..44084	GTAGAAA TACGCAGTGGACGAACCC
HalDL1_Contig37 40156..44084	CAGTCTCCACAGGCCTTGATTTC
HalDL1_Contig37 40156..44084	AGCAGTTTGTAGGCGGTAAGC
HalDL1_Contig37 44074..49706	CAGTCTCCACAGGCCTTGATTTC
HalDL1_Contig37 44074..49706	AGCAGTTTGTAGGCGGTAAGC
HalDL1_Contig37 44074..49706	CGCCGTTGCCGTGAAGATG
HalDL1_Contig37 44074..49706	GTAGAGTTGCCCGAGCGTGATG
HalDL1_Contig37 49699..61930	CGCCGTTGCCGTGAAGATG
HalDL1_Contig37 49699..61930	GTAGAGTTGCCCGAGCGTGATG
HalDL1_Contig37 70308..74648	GGCTGACATCTAAGGCACTCGG
HalDL1_Contig37 70308..74648	GGCGGGACCTCAATCAA CCAC
HalDL1_Contig37 70308..74648	GGCTGTATGGCGTGTGTATTG
HalDL1_Contig37 70308..74648	CTTGTTC CAGAAGCGTCGTG
HalDL1_Contig37 101134..105279	GACGATGATACCAAGCACCC
HalDL1_Contig37 101134..105279	GTTTCGCAACCAGATAACGC
HalDL1_Contig37 102306..105542	CGTGTATCGGAATCATTGGAGGAG
HalDL1_Contig37 102306..105542	GGTTGGTTTCGTGAGCGTGTC
HalDL1_Contig37 102306..105542	GATAACGGGTGACTCATACGCC
HalDL1_Contig37 102306..105542	GCAGGTCTCGCTGTCAGTGTGTTG
HalDL1_Contig38 453313..459149	GCAAGCCCAGACTAACAG
HalDL1_Contig38 453313..459149	CTGATGGTGAAGATGCTGACCG
HalDL1_Contig38 453313..459149	CTCCGATGAGACTCCCACTG
HalDL1_Contig38 453313..459149	CAGCGTGTTCAGGGCGTC
H.lac NC_012028 7615..29467	CCAGAACATCAGAGACATCGCTCAAG
H.lac NC_012028 7615..29467	GTAGTAGTATCTGTAGTACCTCGCAC
H.lac NC_012028 7615..29467	GGGGGAAGATCAGTGAGTACGAC
H.lac NC_012028 7615..29467	GAAGAGTAGTGGGAACGACGGC
H.lac NC_012028 54359..60782	CGCGTTCCTCAGGTTCTCG
H.lac NC_012028 54359..60782	GCTAAGATAGTACAGTCCGTGG
H.lac NC_012028 54359..60782	GCCCCGAAATGACGAAGAC
H.lac NC_012028 54359..60782	GACGGCTTCTTCAGATCCCC
DL31_Contig114 59595..76202	GGCTGGGCTGGAACGAGAC
DL31_Contig114 59595..76202	GGTAGTGCTACGCTAAACAGTGCC
DL31_Contig114 59595..76202	GGACTACGGTGGCAATCTCTATCTAAATG
DL31_Contig114 59595..76202	GAGGAGGCTATAAATGGTAGATCGGG
DL31_Contig114 111139..146012	GCGTCGGAAATCAGTGTGAG
DL31_Contig114 111139..146012	CCTCAGAGAGTTACACGTCCATCC
DL31_Contig114 664513..683577	CCCCAACCCACCGTTTG
DL31_Contig114 664513..683577	GTATGATGGATCGTTGACCTCGG
DL31_Contig114 664513..683577	CGATACTAATGTCTCACTCAACTGG
DL31_Contig114 664513..683577	CACTCTCACCGTCTCGTCC
True-ADL 1940216..1952775	GCCGATGTTCCAGAGGGTTAG
True-ADL 1940216..1952775	GTCGTCGTTCTGCTGGAGGC
True-ADL 1940216..1952775	CGGGCGTGTAAATGGCAACTGGCAC
True-ADL 1940216..1952775	CACGGCTGTCAGAGTGTCC
True-ADL 1234151..1243860	GTCCAACCTCGAACACTCGG
True-ADL 1234151..1243860	GTACTCAGGCCACATAGGGTCC
True-ADL 1234151..1243860	GGACCTCACCCA TACCA CG
True-ADL 1234151..1243860	GTGCTCACCCGATAATTCCCTGC
True-ADL 1243876..1250380	GCCCCAAGTGTAGCCGTATC
True-ADL 1243876..1250380	CTGACTTGAGTA CGACGCTGG

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